

Mayor Tracey Furman

**Council Member Darin Bartram
Council Member Nate Engle**



**Council Member Conor Crimmins
Council Member Ann Lichter**

**Sustainable Kensington
May 1, 2023
7:30pm, Town Hall
AGENDA**

Attendees: Kate DeWitt, Katherine Fadely Craig, Daphne Wegner, Amy Johnson, Ken Amaditz, Carolyn Morrissey, Katherine Wood, Penny Veerhoff, Olwen Logan, Ann Lichter

1. Readyng our application

- Carolyn reviewed the status of documentation and narrative for each of the action items in our Action Plan. Most items are complete. The items in progress include:
 - Energy Audit
 - Municipal Carbon Footprint
 - Pet Waste Ordinance
 - Sustainable Resource Center
 - Composting
- Process: Carolyn plans to review each action item documentation and narrative to make sure it matches the requirements. As each one is done, Alex will load it in the Sustainable Maryland portal. Carolyn will review it again once loaded.
- Plan is to have everything assembled and reviewed for preliminary submission the week of May 15th (must be submitted for preliminary review by June 1st).
- Carolyn will email Mike H. to inform him we are planning to submit a draft by June 1st and to ask when we will get feedback (2 weeks?) so we can plan for making changes before June 30th final submission.
- Ann reported that Nate arranged a meeting with the Montgomery County Green Bank and town staff to assess viability of installing heat pumps in Town Hall and to begin the energy audit and solar feasibility study.
- Ben has shared a draft of the Sustainable Resource Center that he is asking for feedback on - please review and share feedback with Ben.

2. Action Plan Review

- Ann checked with Mike about what to include in Year 2 and Year 3 of the Action Plan. For any activities we expect to require ongoing efforts or renewal, team members should show those Year 2, Year 3 activities. For all other items that we haven't started yet but we plan to work on in Year 2 and Year 3, it's fine to note our plans to do them. For now, it matters they are in the Action Plan b/c having an Action Plan is a requirement for bronze certification - we can figure out how they would count towards Silver Certification later.
- After discussing what we learned from the SK community survey it was agreed that we would work to incorporate the following items in our Year 2/Year 3 plans (with notes about resources we can draw on or specific points to incorporate). The names next to each item indicates who will add the items to the Action Plan.
 - Watershed Protection Plan - Katherine and Carolyn

- Silver Creek, Rainscapes, Bay-Wise, Funding
- Stormwater Management Plan - Ann
 - Flood mitigation, municipal ARPA funds
- Food Fair - Penny
 - Jan 2025 goal - growing, preserving food
- Native Plants + Pollinator Gardens - Katherine, Carolyn, Penny
 - Bee City, Master Gardeners, Brookside, Nature Forward, native plant sales
- Greenhouse Gas Reduction - Ann
 - Solar, Heat Pump, etc for municipal building
- Waste Reduction/Recycling/Composting - Amy, Kate
 - Business recycling & education, analyze municipal waste and recycling program and compost expansion, aim for plastic free events

3. Town Council mtg - May 8th at 7pm at Town Hall (and via Zoom)

- Carolyn, Daphne, Karen volunteered to put together a few slides about the Sustainable Kensington effort and our proposed Action Plan. Slides need to be ready by Friday afternoon for distribution with agenda and other materials.
- SK members are encouraged to attend the Town Council mtg to participate in the discussion and help to answer questions.

4. Next Steps/Deadlines

- Please work to upload all documentation/narrative as soon as possible so that Carolyn can review and begin to upload by May 15th for preliminary submission.
- Carolyn to email Mike H about plans for early submission and timeline for feedback.
- Team members should update the Action Plan to include Year 2 and Year 3 items.
- Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 15th at 7:30pm at Town Hall.