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Sustainable Kensington Meeting

March 19, 2025

Participants: Ann Lichter, Mike Gordon, Tracey Furman, Tarren ?, Ken Amiditz, Kate DeWitt, Carolyn Morissey, Al Carr, Katherine Wood, Karen Fadely-Craig, Amelia Wegner, Nate Engle, Olwen Logan, Ben Levy

1. Stormwater Resilience Action Plan & Green Bank support - Update and next steps (Nate)
 - Updated on the process and next steps, providing planning services through PRE-Collective and the Green Bank.
 - Katherine flagged Clean Water Montgomery grants – Silver Creek a good candidate. We will flag for an opportunity to the PRE-Collective.
 - Activity group to continue to support, and will keep broader SK involved.

2. EV charging network - Update (Al and Bridget)
 - Al met with Montgomery County lead for EV charging to discuss options.
 - Reviewed the 7-page report they put together (see Annex).
 - Discussed different goals and types of charging needs; charging gaps; potential sites for charger network augmentation; funding opportunities, especially the MAEP grant (expires 9/30/25); possible revenue streams if support installing.
 - Need for coordinating with parking task force and building off this report. Incorporate into a town forum on parking that's being planned, and the parking consultant inventory process being planned. Could explore providing EV charging on private lots that could negotiate public access after hours for parking/charging.
 - Many apartment buildings don't have a EVs present, indicative of the gaps in charging network and good initial opportunities.
 - Next steps: Synthesize report and make recommendations; Pursue and promote the MAEP grant (need to think what a specific proposal would look like); Surveys; Feed prioritized results into the parking task force, potential grant applications; Safeway-Shell options to be explored.

3. June 2026 Maryland House and Garden Tour featuring Kensington- (Kate)
 - Noyes library fund raising event and opportunity to showcase Town of Kensington.
 - Revenues generated through ticket sales, ads in the book.
 - 6-8 homes will be open for inside and outside tours.

- Businesses and organizations will be involved. Town on display. What else we can do to promote the Town from a Sustainable Kensington perspective. What we want to show from this committee's perspective? Maintain the historic character and garden community, but we're thinking about the future. A story. Displays. How we can talk about these things.
 - Think about what we can do in terms of initiatives between now and then to catalyze SK improvements/objectives. Aligns with next reporting on SK certification. The activities supporting it and also the event itself could count for points.
 - Promote sustainability on peoples' private properties as well. Baywise certification, get Town Parks certified as well.
 - Demonstrate how communities like ours can do this.
 - Next steps: Think through Baywise on our parks (Carolyn), Look at how to get points from this (Ken and Ben), consider ways to work with Green Bank to put some of the dots together.
4. April 9th Community Budget Forum (Ann)
- 2nd Annual Forum held from 6:00-7:30 to show Town's planned budget revenues and expenditures, especially capital improvements planned.
 - Good base of knowledge for the work we're doing here on SK.
5. Other updates (TBD)
- Olwen: Food waste pickup. Still waiting on containers. Showed the three videos we recorded with MMC public service announcement.

Next meeting proposed Tuesday, May 27th.