

**Mayor Tracey Furman**

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



**Council Member Nate Engle  
Council Member Stuart Sparker**

**Sustainable Kensington Meeting Minutes**

11/4/2025

Attendees: Ben Levy, Al Carr, Penny Veerhoff, Amelia Wegner, Nate Engle, Ann Lichter, Olwen Logan, Marc Henri Winter, Kate DeWitt

**Agenda**

**1. Updates on activities - progress ([action plan](#) to review)**

- Buy local - Ann attended a meeting for KensingtonCAN! to discuss promoting local businesses. There is interest in creating a new map with business locations.
- Historic Preservation - Kate updated on the Archives work with Lisa, Home and Garden Tour, Historic markers.
- Resource Center - Ben has developed an initial design for the website and shared with the group for feedback.
  - Group discussed keeping it narrow to 6-10 topics maximum and avoid duplication of what's already on the SK website (and other websites), focused on the "resource" aspects and 'actions' people can take.
  - Next Step: Ben to share proof of concept - have committee members recommend the first 5 things we should put on the TOK website, and then meet with Kariann to understand what she needs, and then develop the content.

**2. Stormwater Resilience Plan**

- Pre-Collective/Green Bank update (Karen and Nate)
  - Karen and Nate met with Green Bank, Pre Collective and Quantified Ventures
  - Four themes: affordable housing, climate smart ag and farming, residential resilience, municipal finance
  - Quantified Ventures - running the municipal finance stream (Rockville, TKPK, maybe one other)
  - Our asks
    - We need assessment - modeling, engineering design, etc.
    - County's stormwater assessment - see how that links up
    - Green infrastructure - stormwater retention, infiltration, etc.
    - We are still interested in stormwater fee options
  - Ann shared an idea that stems from Katherine Wood's conversation w (Md town) - they hired an arborist to go to homeowners and help assess trees, what to plant. Then matched them with county tree programs and town support to plant trees. Concept for stormwater: hire consultant to do on site consultation with homeowners on what they can do to

eliminate / mitigate flooding issues, and match with county rebate programs, and potentially have town provide subsidies to make it even more feasible for homeowners.

- Green Bank event December 2 (stormwater/flooding)
  - Listening session to hear from municipalities to figure out what concerns
  - Nate to attend (and possibly Karen too). Need a prep meeting beforehand to go through priorities and make sure on same page for when attending listening session.
- Greenscape and SK input on new park land acquisition (from HOA on Plyers Mill)
  - Once we have better sense of timing, we need one or two from SK to serve on a committee to help with designing how to use the space - maybe pollinator gardens

### **3. ZipCar updates and EV charging infrastructure**

- Al in process of setting up meeting with County staff (Javier Torres) to explore piggybacking on county Zipcar vehicle
- There was one response to the Town Journal article; Alex M is following up.

### **4. CSA discussion - report back on Town Council discussion**

- Concern about drop site - if it were Town Hall inevitably it would burden staff to manage the site and drop off
- Suggested that we do a little more research; debrief with Katharine on whether to pursue this

### **NEXT MEETING**

- We will set deadlines for actions and documentation before January 7th meeting (7:30pm)
- Will circulate the designated leads for reach action area
  - Green schools: Karen
  - Pollinator gardens: Carolyn
  - Public art: Olwen
  - Juneteenth: Ken and Ann
  - Sustainability resource: Ben
  - Backyard chicken ordinance: Nate
  - CSA drop-off: Katherine
  - Spring and fall transplant sale: Katherine
  - Natives sale: Katherine and Carolyn
  - Food banks/local food programs: Ann
  - Women's club: Kate
  - Electric vehicle charging network improvements and Zipcar: Al
  - Transportation and Ped/Bike: Nate
  - Annual runs (8k, BabyCat run, others): Ken
  - Workplace wellness program + Maryland healthiest businesses: Nate
  - Local economic activities and buy local campaigns (MML, small businesses, local business, buy local, etc.): Ann and Carolyn
  - Food waste collection program (innovative): Nate and Olwen
  - Green purchasing: Karen
  - Green business recognition: Carolyn and Ann
  - Community wildlife habitat certified: TBD
  - Baywise in Kensington parks: Carolyn
  - Bee City USA: Penny

- o Insect hotel: Ken
- o Stormwater management plan and/or stormwater fee structure: Karen and Nate
- o Easement inventory: Nate
- o Kensington's archives: Kate
- o Maryland House and Garden tour – innovative: Kate