

ESAC Notes 05-21-24

1) Call to Order

2) Roll Call of Members

A) *We have two new members Mellanie and Reese as well as special guests Benjy(8) and Benjy(9)*

3) City of Bexley update (Elizabeth Ellman)

A) *Finished up work with the schools*

B) *Saw approx. 400 students and is looking to add more*

C) *Animals were a big hit at Earth and Arbor Day*

D) *How can we increase engagement for E&A day?*

E) *Consider it is closing on May 31st - Keeping it open until June?*

F) *250 Homes registered for yard sale weekend and 90 people involved*

G) *Signupgenius! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084AADA72BA4FE3-waste/106597706#/>*

H) *Is the farmer's market worth it? Ashley, Lisa, Addison, and Elizabeth say no*

I) *Can Matthew be our liaison for the farmers market?*

J) *Plastic drop off at the farmers market*

K) *300 people signed up and received fertilizer*

L) *Elizabeth and the mayor are going to look at changing legislation around plastic - Avoiding micros, Styrofoam, plastic straws, avoiding greenwashing, and Single-use by request only. Commercial use focus. wait for the results from the restaurant survey. What can we be doing to create a culture of reuse?*

M) *Are we targeting the right things here? Should we be focusing on big box stores and restaurants instead of putting pressure on mom-and-pop shops?*

N) *Starbucks preordering with reusable cups doesn't seem possible as said by Mellanie who works for a Starbucks*

O) *Benjy (9) and Benjy (8) say that Elizabeth has spent too much time talking during this meeting but Lisa and Rebecca disagree*

4) Subcommittee updates:

a) Education / Outreach / Calendar and Activities

QR Code and Waste Management tent scheduling

b) Race to 0 / Measure and Track

Prioritize 60ish ideas from the survey and look into the results @ next meeting. restaurants survey is ready to deploy!

c) Transformation and Infrastructure

d) Biodiversity Update (Rebecca Ness)

One week left of LYA with CSG. Alley of the Future and Love Your Alley is installing almost 900 plants and 9 murals, as well as offering 5 classes about biodiversity. The Festival had a lot of people. Benjy (9) won a dogwood shrub. Bexley got a \$47,000 grant!!! From village and wilderness buying lots of plants! Bexley triangle which will be an unbroken habitat in a city dedicated to removing invasive species and planting native ones. Native landscaper meets with each household.

Could we combine at-risk youth programs with training for LYA?

Mosquito Pilot 2.0 is on! We are branching out to more cities to test the different mosquito traps. Spreading it out will ensure that the findings will not be muddled. The entomologist got a grant to make this bigger. Will be on summer 25.

5) Community Stakeholder updates:

a) Capital (Mellanie Mejia)

Mellanie is new and taking over Ashley's job as Sustainability Intern at Capital.

b) CSG (Corey Baker)

The sustainability committee had its last meeting two weeks ago and reviewed its work. Mostly worried about sustainability and were mostly successful. Have had no compost rejected but had some issue in recycling issues and are looking to focus on classroom-based recycling.

c) BHS (Alina Lacki, Addison Helon)

d) Bexley City Schools (John Eickenberry)

e) St. Charles (Michael Warner)

Had a meeting with their newly formed faculty and staff about how to include a culture of reuse and more widespread sustainable thinking at the school. Getting students water bottles and looking at what is sold. Students will be added to this group in the fall. Looking to go further like energy audits as well.

f) City Council (Alex Silverman)

6) Other updates:

a) Any announcements or Questions?

7) Adjourn

a) Next meeting: June 18th