



Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda and Minutes

Green Bexley (ESAC) Monthly Meeting Minutes 5/20/2025

Attendees: John Eikenberry, Randy Sokol, Jo Anne Grossman, Matthew King, Rhys Gruebel, Steve Grossman, Lisa Goldsand, Elizabeth Ellman, Natalie Cohen

President (Lisa Goldsand)

Topics for today: Randy with waste reduction strategy update, Food Council, sign up for waste management strategy for community events, textile collection pilot is in play, and Fourth of July.

Food Waste Reduction Update (Randy Sokol)

Meetings set up including SWACO. Discussions about reusable cups. Prioritizing back of house vs. front of house.

Luke Helon is heading Food Council meeting (6/17, 5pm) quarterly meetings.

City of Bexley Update (Elizabeth Ellman)

Three air quality monitors installed at schools

Anti-idling campaign promotion upcoming

275 houses participated in the community yard sale

140 houses using Goodwill pickup afterward

Very little left out afterward

Bexley Clean Up Day was a big success! 205 cars

Diverted from the landfill:

2000 lbs of e-waste

8000 lbs of paper

105 lbs of drugs

200 lbs of textiles

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Thinking about social media strategy. What are our goals? Modify behavior? Track it? What do we want to accomplish?

Graduation gowns to be recycled. Prudence Keener is renegotiating the graduation gown model for rental. Collection bins to get as many as possible back.



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Textile waste collection pilot is live. First in the country. SWACO aggregating, trucks to SC.

Community Waste Management (Rhys Gruebel)

We need to tweak our procedure. Let people drop off waste in bus tubs on the table and walk away. Don't lecture them if they don't want it. Have a positive experience!!! Think of it as an info hub.

Lisa is deluged by kids who need service hours. How can we get them to help with these events?

Food trucks - Elizabeth says the bigger impact is what they are serving instead of utensils. Natalie says the generators are the worst part. Elizabeth says they can hook up to city power. Green trucks = no meat trucks and not from out of town. Should we give meal vouchers to volunteers?

Discussion about upcoming events and scheduling volunteers.

We need to send out a cute Signup Genius for recruiting volunteers for trash.

Fourth of July (Lisa Goldsand)

Last year was challenging. How can we not leave people behind? We need to be on wheels. Bikes, trash truck, horse, beer bike

Five messages: Recycling, composting, aggregation, reduced consumption, sustainability, 40% of landfill is construction and food waste, 10% is cardboard.

Other

Steve and Jo Anne made a wonderful video about recycling textiles. It will go viral!

Thank you to Ella and Mell for your participation in Green Bexley!

Lori Reitman bringing in Rabbi Yonaton Merrill July 4-6 Founder of Jewish EcoSeminars in the Interfaith Center for Sustainability

Adjourn

Next Meeting: June 17th