

ESAC

Agenda: 3-21-23

- 1) Standard Updates**
- 2) Finalizing Sub Committee Meeting Objectives**
- 3) Committee Member (voluntary) allocation**

Next meeting is 4-18-23!!

Present: Elizabeth Ellman, Kathy Hayden, Addison Helon, Corey Baker, Ashley Harvey, Rachael Rice, Natalie Cohen, Steve and Joann Grossman, Midge Cull

1) STANDARD UPDATES:

Capital - Ashley and Rachael

Capital University Sustainability Plan in progress. Goal is green certified campus. Creation of a committee at Capital; Ongoing interaction with the provost. Capital team will advise when initiatives are OK to be made public. This initiative will tie with Sustainable September but not yet finalized.

CSG - Corey Baker

Composting program going well. Middle School and High School going smoothly. Working to staff effort in Lower School. Change in contract with Together We Compost next Friday. Possibility to change to company engaged by Bexley if negotiations are not fruitful.

Clothing swap upcoming - very successful on school campus. High School only.

(Lisa Goldsand provided an update on the recent kids swap)

Bexley High School - Addison Helon:

Very successful clothing swap at high school - 900 items put into the swap; 500 were picked up during the event; 200 items were donated.

Trash pick-up - ongoing with consistent student engagement

Composting program being piloted in Cassingham Complex - focus is currently middle and high school. Long term goal is to expand to the whole school system. Pilot in middle school end feb through start of March - 1 - 2 totes per day produced through the pilot. Elizabeth assisted on Mon - Wed; Thurs and Fri students handled without assistance. Next steps - present to the school board

and launch a pilot in the high school. Very much student led effort. Not yet certified as a club but using Mrs. Hutchison's classroom for meetings.

One idea - suggested that we have a meeting between Bexley middle schoolers who are passionate about the composting initiative with CSG middle schoolers. LG asked if there could also be a connection with Capital student leaders on composting. Rachael to consider.

Rachael's thought - is there merit in considering an entirely student / young ppl led discussion about sustainability - General support from meeting attendees. Take-away is details and next steps to coordinate. Corey, Addison, Rachael, (Lisa G) to take the lead.

Conversation regarding succession planning of student leadership between Addison H and Steve G.

Kathy - Doug - update - Plastic Reduction Project of Austin, TX is now collaborating with Doug's organization. PRP is a 501C and will become **fiscal** sponsor for central OH group. Access to customer file, web tools, etc.

Dispatch Goods - This opportunity was surfaced again and the group agrees there is ongoing interest in a pilot in Bexley; Discussion continued around the process to encourage self-serve doggy bag vs use of packaging provided by the restaurant (which as Addison pointed out can often be styrofoam and plastic); Natalie suggested that a campaign include some incentive for restaurants to reward diners who do this. Discussion around how to structure a campaign. This falls into the zero waste AND education buckets of ESAC sub committees. Reward system agreed to be important aspect.

Update from Elizabeth Ellman:

- For next ESAC Meeting
 - NBC Nightly News – if story is nice, will share link
 - Earth month social posts – reach out to EE ASAP if you're interested in being featured
 - Legislation
 - Uni Rec – Received two bids - Rumpke and Republic
 - Aggregation – working on RFQ
 - SUP 2 – reworking ordinance
 - Solar - city of design consultant can now review other bids for solar vs going to Board; working on SolSmart
 - BCS
 - MS Food waste recycling – Luca
 - CAP – 2 groups of 12 students doing a literature review of various CAPs to find our best solutions

- Hope you'll join at Earth and Arbor Day Celebrations and Green Bexley Cleanup Day. More info at greenbexley.org/earthandarbor
- [Save More than Food](#) – 64 new sign ups since 1-27; ~1850 total
 - Brassica and Newfangled
- Farmers' Market – starting soon
- Earth Month EcoChallenge – sign up [here](#)

2) FINALIZING SUB-COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES

Those present reviewed notes from prior discussions about how to best utilize the volunteer resources from within active committee members, identify realistic deliverables for 2023 and 2024 for the community. During this follow up discussion to the original two brainstorming sessions the group aligned on the four priorities listed in the attached PDF. The four priorities are: I) Education and Community Outreach, II) Race to Zero / Measure, III) Transportation / Infrastructure, and IV) Biodiversity

The next step will be for each of the four subcommittees to collaborate sometime prior to our next meeting in April and 'force rank' the initiatives which the group has previously identified as important or of interest. Elizabeth will arrange conversation for I) Education and Community Outreach and Lisa G will arrange conversation for II) Race to Zero / Measure. For III) Transportation / Infrastructure - Natalie Cohen and Corey Baker will collaborate, and Lisa G or Elizabeth will seek out Mark Subel to seek his participation with this group. Lisa G will also formally connect with Rebecca and Ashley for collaboration on IV) Biodiversity

3) COMMITTEE MEMBER (voluntary) ALLOCATION

Those who have interest in being part of a sub-committee shared which priority is of most interest to them. This is also highlighted in the PDF. NOTE - There is NO expectation that every ESAC member joins a subcommittee. General participation is also wonderful!!