

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes, January 26th, 2010

Present: Catie Beatie, (Chair), Anna Davis (sustainability intern), Frani Storzbach, Mark Wensel, Bryan Burch, Gabriela Downey, Tina Schafer. The meeting commenced at 6:35 pm.

1. **Minutes from October:** The committee reviewed the October <date>, 2009 Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Bryan motioned to approve them, Catie seconded. The committee <unanimously> approved the Minutes as <amended/submitted>.

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2. **Website Content:** Much discussion about our contributions to the general SHNA website at www.sylvanhighlands.org. Ideas included have a FAQ or Keyword Search, placing the METRO # on the site for reference. Frani volunteered to review and approve the usability of the recycling resource list and links that Dave Malcolm collected so that this list may be posted on the site as well. We thought that more random articles and resources could be placed in the "Did You Know" column. Catie wondered aloud who would maintain the resource links.

3. **SOLV Event:** Gabriela gave us some history and tips on how to organize the 2010 SOLV event for our neighborhood on April 17th. Her ideas included setting up tables at the Sylvan Starbucks for volunteer check-in, having donations of coffee, hot cocoa, snacks, pizza from Pizzacato for the volunteers. A dumpster is usually set up in the KOIN corner parking lot (at Skyline and Barnes) on that Friday and is picked up on Monday. Volunteers in the past would choose their own route and travel with 2 bags, one for recyclable material and one for trash. These would be set alongside the roads for a pick-up truck to take to the KOIN lot. Recommended that volunteers bring their own gloves, SOLV provides vests and the bags. A SOLV release form is required may be signed.

- Catie to send out the historical "diary" of past SOLV events
- Catie to fill out application and coordinate with Metro, the City, and SOLV to get the permits and pay tipping fee
- Tina to contact April for event planning and KOIN for permission to use lot
- Sonja is working on our neighborhood "Bookmark" mailer listing this event
- Bryan to contact Tracy Taylor about creating flyers for the event
- In general, we will ask neighbors to put out their recycling bins for that day.

Comment [dm1]: Great idea!

4. **Other Events for 2010:**

- The Weed Walk – scheduled for May 22nd. Meet at the Hoyt Arboretum Resource & Visitor's Center. Start time of 9:30 am with a morning refreshment and mixer, then head out at 10 am. Bryan will work on the RSVP. Some discussion on ways to create a forum for event feedback and photos. Bryan to also ask Tracy Taylor if she would be an article writer.
- Arbor Day: Discussion about where to get the seedlings...perhaps Dave Malcolm's contact with the Nurserymen's Society. With our grant funds, we have \$600 to buy trees/support this event. The group is working on gathering planting maps, and coordinating with the East Sylvan Middle School biology teacher to involve the students in the event.

Comment [dm2]: I'm happy to follow up on it but i need specifics: what date, what particular species [natives?], what size/quantity/etc.

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5. **Miscellaneous:**

- Some small discussion about cleaning up our Sylvan island at the overpass.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm. To contact the Sustainability Intern, sustainability@nwnw.org.

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Respectfully submitted by Tina Schafer, acting secretary

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