

Town of University Park Sustainability Committee

April 5, 2018
University Park Town Hall

Present

Committee members David Brosch, Carson Lee, Sarah Moseley, Councilmember Joe Schultz, Councilmember Joe Thompson

Meeting notes

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Joe Thompson provided a brief status update on park planning. The Public Facilities and Services Committee at its most recent meeting agreed to recommend that the Town Council allocate funds in the FY 2019 budget for a park plan.
2. David Brosch provided a brief update concerning his recent activities on composting. He will be joining private citizens from Greenbelt to meet with members of the Prince George's County Council concerning proposed changes in the county's zoning ordinance that affect location of composting facilities.
3. Joe Thompson reminded the committee that the Town will have to conduct a new energy audit of town facilities in time for the next Sustainable Maryland Certification process, in 2020.
4. Sarah Moseley proposed having one or more tables with information set up on site at UPES during the upcoming electronics recycling day, April 28. After some discussion, the committee agreed to instead plan a sustainability event for the fall, possibly to be coordinated with the e-cycling event usually held at that time.
5. The committee discussed ways of advancing two of the main elements of the Town Sustainability Action Plan, food-waste composting and park planning. On park planning, the committee agreed to coordinate with the Public Facilities and Services Committee to connect with relevant departments at the University of Maryland and look for mutually beneficial ways of bringing UMD students and faculty into the Town's planning efforts in this area. On composting, the committee agreed to support the Public Facilities and Services Committee by producing a committee report on town-wide food-waste composting, considering costs, benefits, and options for implementation in University Park.
6. David Brosch raised the question of recruiting new members to the committee, and increasing the number of committee members. Tabled for later discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.