

## Mount Rainier Green Team Agenda

January 13, 2015, 7:00-8:30PM

City Hall

### Agenda

- Recycling Bin Analysis and Next Steps
- Composting Outreach Blitz for Spring
- Budget Needs/Request
- Draft Year in Review/Accomplishments for 2014
- Draft Recycling and Reuse Guide
- Other Updates on development projects, levee, Pepco, website, etc.

### **ACTIONS**

#### **Budget**

When looking through the upcoming budget for the City I saw the Green Team has a budget for \$1250 for this year! I did not know this and was operating under the impression we had no funding. This is a nice surprise but now we need to figure out how to use it so we can continue to get those funds budgeted to us. At the meeting we briefly discussed ideas and I started to develop a spreadsheet for input and would like your ideas and votes.

Joseph discussed the recycling proposal he put together at our last meeting and we decided to bundle this into the larger context of waste reduction and diversion and the need to get ahead of the curve. PG County's solid waste plan for the next 10 years discusses a goal of 60% recycling and exploring Pay as You Throw programs. We are working on a white paper for the Council and putting forth a recycling bin proposal likely with some recommendations and options. We will need to submit this by Feb. 6 and we plan on presenting at the work session mid February.

#### **Waste Reduction**

I put together a reuse and recycle guide for the City to distribute in the March Message. If you have thoughts I will need your comments by the Feb. 1 and then will share with Public Works and other City Staff.

#### **Accomplishments**

We discussed this briefly and I'd like to submit to the Council on 2014 accomplishments. Please provide any comments or edits by February 1.

**Other Updates:**

- Veronica submitted a grant for 2 electric cars and a charging station for the City.
- UMD students working on the website project have largely wrapped up their work and MaryLee will be polishing for further discussion with Veronica in the coming weeks.
- Veronica shared an idea for a home and garden tour involving homes for sale and getting sponsors to help support the cost for new recycling bins.
- We tabled the composting outreach plan until our February meeting.

Next meeting is Feb. 9