

# Hyattsville Environment Committee (HEC)

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

**Participants:** Theresa Goedeke, Brie Welzer, Rich Canino, John Fisher, Janet Nackoney, Dawn Taft, Danny Schaible, Ben Simasek

**Guests:** Maralei Tang, Marvourneen Dolor, Sophie Oriani, Sandra Rodriguez

## Agenda Items:

1. Welcome, Committee Roll Call, & Guest Orientation
2. Approval of June [meeting minutes](#): **Approved**
3. Discussion & Vote: [Stormwater Management memo](#) to council (T. Goedeke/J. Nackoney)
  - Point of memo is to address runoff from construction sites that might be prevented with better monitoring and enforcement (are all protocols and regulations being followed?)
  - Suggested revision: remove “and development plans” from #6
  - VOTE: Approved (Fisher/Canino)
  - NEXT STEPS: Danny & Ben will sponsor. Send email to Laura Reams, cc Danny with the recommendation and ask for more direction about next steps.
4. Discussion: Sustainability Plan Action Item 15A: Sustainable infrastructure audit. [Example tool](#) (B. Simasek)
  - Conduct a sustainable infrastructure audit to promote community sustainability efforts
  - Could we advise the City/encourage City Council to adopt this idea?
  - Strengthen city ordinances that prevent any potential barriers to sustainability (list on p. 60)
  - Checklists on p. 32-- could this be helpful for someone like Mike Hunninghake for Sustainable Maryland?
  - [Current Hyattsville Sustainability Plan](#) will be expiring this year. Is another round in the works? Dawn and Ben will check with Jim Chandler. Would be good for whoever is leading this to be coordinating with HEC.

- Next steps: Ben will check in with Jim about the process around the next sustainability plan and will plan to report back and ensure HEC is engaged.
5. Announcements or Notices
- a. Reminder -- Review the Hyattsville Committee Handbook and [HEC worksheet revision](#) - **Comments due July 31, 2021**
    - Best not to put any comments in the original document
  - b. This is Danny's last meeting!
    - Thank you, Danny for your great ideas, enthusiasm and support!
    - Hoping for continued collaboration/energies with Hyattsville Tree Board. Robust tree planting effort city-wide.
  - c. See Jim Grove's email on hope about Community Solar presentation - next Wed the 21st at 7.  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/2533545490124385/?ref=110>
  - d. Rich asked Danny what the best process was to learn about what bills are coming up in the state legislature - whether it was a matter of us reaching out to individual legislators or whether they were already coming to us. Danny indicated there wasn't an easy answer and legislative interest was developed on a case-by-case basis.
  - e. Rt 1 Green Team Summit took place virtually in May. It was an exciting opportunity to learn about all of the different Green Team activities being undertaken by municipalities along Rt. 1. Janet and Dawn presented for Hyattsville. Some notes [here](#)
6. Adjournment