



Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Milton Sustainability Committee

2nd Floor – Milton Public Library – 5:30PM

Milton, DE 19968

- Meeting Called to Order: 5:40PM
- Roll Call of Members: Lou Colon (Chair), Ellen Lytton (Vice Chair), Michela Coffaro, Anita Capparell
- Citizen Guests: Consuelo McGowan (SERCAP), Brandy Espinola (EFC) via conference call, Carol Taylor, Susan Stringfield
- Public Participation:
 - Sustainability Committee members thanked our guests Carol Taylor and Susan Stringfield for their generous donation of a recycling container to use at public festivals.
- Agenda for March 26, 2019 approved
- Minutes of the February 26, 2019 meeting: approved
- **Ongoing Business:**
 - **SERCAP Grant** – Brandy Espinola and the Committee discussed an action plan for the upcoming stakeholders’ meeting to be held on May 18, 2019. It was agreed that the stakeholders’ meeting would focus on the following: 1) presentation of the Committee’s draft sustainability plan, 2) gathering plan feedback from the stakeholders, 3) identifying the additional goals and priorities of the stakeholders and 4) asking stakeholders their willingness to work on the implementation of the plan.
 - **Action Item:** B. Espinola will send the Committee a draft agenda and an invitation for stakeholders’ meeting by April 2 for the Committee’s review and comments.
 - **Action Item:** Committee members will review the drafts sent by B. Espinola and return their comments to her by Monday, April 8, 2019.
 - **Certificate of Appreciation** – M. Coffaro reported to the Committee that she had visited and spoken with seven restaurants in Milton regarding their sustainability practices. Based on M. Coffaro’s research it was apparent that sustainable practices vary widely. After discussing the wide range of sustainable practices, the Committee felt that further discussion was needed to create a certificate program reflecting the various levels of sustainability. In order to give the Committee more time to determine the levels of sustainable achievement E. Lytton moved that the discussion of the Certificate of Appreciation be tabled until the April 23, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

- **Action Item:** Committee members are to consider what levels of sustainable achievement they want to establish for the Certificate of Appreciation program.
 - **Festival Volunteer Schedule:** A. Capparell informed the Committee that registration for VegFest is complete. VegFest (Committee leads – Frank and Anita Capparell) is on May 18, 2019. Volunteers for VegFest include Carol Taylor and Susan Stringfield.
 - **Cape Gazette Letter:** L. Colon indicated that the letter informing the Gazette of Milton’s reaffirmation of its opposition to seismic testing was sent to the Gazette on February 28, 2019. As of the March meeting of the Committee the letter had not appeared in the Gazette or been acknowledged.
- **New Business:**
- **Announcements:**
 - L. Colon informed the Committee that the Town Council of Milton would be passing a resolution at the April 1, 2019 meeting instructing the Committee to undertake research on solar panels and electric vehicle charging stations.
- **Agenda Items for April 23, 2019**
 - SERCAP Grant
 - Jean Holloway - report
 - Brandy Espinola – stakeholders’ meeting
 - Draft sustainability plan discussion
 - Certificate of Appreciation follow-up.
 - Update on research undertaken at the request of the Town Council on solar panels and electric charging stations.
- Meeting Adjourned: 7:00PM