

**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**College Park Committee for a Better Environment**  
**Monday, May 24, 2021**  
**7 pm**  
**Location: Online meeting – Zoom (see instructions)**

- Amendments to and/or approval of this agenda
- Review and approve April minutes (attached)
- Report on City activities and CBE budget – Janet McCaslin.

**Ongoing Business**

- Green Awards – revise and vote on one award. Present Green Awards to winners.
- Labeling trees on the trolley trail
- Virtual Mosquito Workshop sponsored by CBE -- June 17th.
- Green Tip of the Month
  - June - Using You Tube to look up repair procedures - Mr. Hew will handle.
  - July -- ??
  - August??
- Possible Expenditures
  - Bee hotels
  - Gator bags
- Update on No Mow May and Signage – Alan, Stacy, Todd
  
- Tree and Landscape Board report.

**New Business**

- Sustainable Maryland Annual Route One Meeting – May 25. We need to report out on our progress. See our report out to Council as of January 2021 (next page). The city staff will incorporate city-wide progress.
- Educational events or other actions we'd like to take

**Next Meeting:** June 28, 2021

(Agenda is subject to change)

### *Reports and Letters to Mayor and Council:*

1. The Committee prepared an analysis of possible sustainability measures College Park could include in its upcoming 5-year plan and submitted it to Mayor and Council. The recommended steps would build on current achievements and were drawn from measures that succeeded in neighboring communities. Many of the recommended next steps would help reduce the city's carbon emissions and/or sequester carbon.
2. The Committee wrote to Mayor and Council to encourage the Council to support Climate Parents of Prince George's campaign to shift public schools in the county to renewable energy, and power school vehicles with electricity. The Council sent a letter of support.
3. The Committee wrote to Mayor and Council to encourage the Council to incentivize landlords to provide furnished rentals to reduce the amount of furniture discarded each semester. The Committee continues to research ways to reduce bulk waste from student rentals.
4. The Committee wrote to Mayor and Council to encourage Council support for a Prince George's County Climate Action Plan. Council provided a letter of support. The Action Plan was adopted by the County.
5. The Committee encouraged College Park to take part in the Sustainable States Energy Challenge. The City is taking part.

### *Educational Events for Residents:*

1. The Committee hosted an online event in May 2020 in partnership with the Pachamama Alliance to educate residents about Project Drawdown's 100 Solutions for Climate Change and the steps that the city could take to lower its emissions. 38 people attended/10 from College Park.
2. The Committee hosted an online event on rain barrels and measures residents can take to reduce water runoff from their yards, and non-toxic measures for reducing mosquitoes. 20 attendees.

### *Monthly Tips:*

1. Each month the committee provides a green tip that is included in the Municipal Scene newsletter.

### *Activities in the Community:*

1. The Committee paid for and worked with City Staff to distribute 54 GAT mosquito traps to 26 households in College Park, clustered in neighborhoods, to test the effectiveness of these traps. We are waiting for the results of a survey sent to participants regarding the effectiveness of these traps, so we can determine whether to recommend them to residents in general.
2. CBE members took part in Good Neighbor Day, working with volunteers to plant perennial native food plants in the permaculture garden, and mulch the entire garden area.
3. CBE worked with City Staff to create and distribute car magnets encouraging residents to make their next car electric or plug in, or switch to a bicycle for transportation.
4. The Committee gave out 2 Green Awards in 2020 to residents for taking action to preserve the environment in College Park. The awards were given to Kathy Bryant and Scott Wilson.

5. The Committee created a sustainability survey for residents that is being finalized by City Staff and translated into Spanish. The survey will be distributed electronically in early 2021.

*Participation in Allied Organizations:*

1. CBE members participate in Sustainable Maryland Activities, including the annual meeting where we reported out on our progress.
2. CBE members take part in monthly Tree and Landscape Board meetings and support the Board's work.
3. Committee members took part in the College Park University Partnership's 5-year planning process and suggested measures for increasing sustainability on and off campus.