

Sustainability Committee Meeting

June 22, 2017

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. EAD 291

Welcome & Minutes

- Sandy Bauman called the meeting to order.
 - A motion was made by Kim Williams to approve the minutes and Dianna Nguyen seconded the motion. The vote carried and the minutes were approved.
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Announcements

- Solar Powered Mobile Charging Stations – We installed 3 solar powered charging station umbrellas in the Library Courtyard. Each has 3 ports for people to charge devices using a USB cord. More will be added if demand is there.
 - EV Charging Stations – We will be adding Level II chargers in the garage in place of the 120V outlets. This change will happen this summer and hopefully be fully operational by September 1st.
 - Bike Racks – We are adding a bike rack to the PCC garage, and one to the area by the SSC. In addition, we'll be moving the rack in Alumni Plaza to the Faculty Garage. This is all in an effort to add more bike parking and more covered bike parking.
 - Recycling Signs: We are replacing the signs on the waste/recycling bins soon. If you'd like to volunteer to help the Office of Sustainability replace them, let Sandy know.
 - Fare Change for the FW Transportation Authority – Fares are going up in August for public transit and unfortunately, our students will no longer qualify for reduced fare. Students (like employees) can still get 25% off monthly and annual passes as well as buying E-passes.
 - Dig Deep Conference – This conference is hosted by UNTHSC and put on by the Tarrant Area Food Bank. It's a conference for North Texas growers including community gardens and urban farming as well as residential gardening. It's July 22nd and more information can be found: <http://tafb.org/tafb-events/dig-deep-conference/>
 - Clean Air Action Day: CAAD is a day for North Texans to do one thing to improve air quality. We are asking people to pledge an action ([take pledge here](#)) and to come to the CAAD Brown Bag Lunch where we'll be showing short videos and have frozen pops and water bottles.
 - Volunteers Needed: If you'd like to report water station counts, Sandy still needs volunteers for LIB and RES. Email her for more information.
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Subcommittee Updates

- Community Garden: The garden is completing its 3rd year, and doing well! We are now donating to the Student Food Pantry and NICA. We have a Little Free Library at the garden (built and installed by an Eagle Scout). In addition, we have shelves on the toolshed for surplus food for anyone to take. We were also featured in 76107 magazine recently.
 - LEAP Program: We have taken 8 labs through the orientation process, and so far 2 labs are certified. We are also advertising financial assistance for freezer upgrades to more efficient models. The ULT Freezer is also out on campus helping labs clean up freezers. Furthermore, we have a call out to replace ULT freezers over 10 years old.
 - Recycling, Campus Outreach, Bylaws: Did not meet.
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Earth Day Event

- Thank you to everyone for volunteering for Earth Day! We had almost 600 attendees, 337 passports turned in, 35 E-waste donations with 1390 lbs. recycled, etc. It was a successful event and if you have any ideas for next year, please

let Sandy know.

MINUTES

Committee Business

- Misty will be completing her term as co-chair and Kim will enter her second year as co-chair. If you'd like to serve as co-chair or nominate someone, let Sandy know (it's a 2 year term). If you'd like to serve as secretary, let Sandy know as well.
 - Please let Sandy know if you'd like to renew on the committee for next term.
 - We will have updates to the Bylaws in the August meeting which will include changing the budget section as well as adding components of the Sustainability Liaison Program. That program will no longer operation but will merge with the committee.
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Comments & Suggestions

- No comments or suggestions were made.
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Housekeeping

Meeting Adjourned at 12:50 pm. The next meeting is August 25th at noon (place to be determined).