

PPA Environment Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 12th, 2022
6:30-8:00 pm

April is Earth Month

Present: Mary Britton, Kathleen Davis, Lydia McEnerney, Steve Zimmer, Britt Howell

Introductions/ Approve the Agenda

Mary encourages folks to “like” Environment Committee items on Next Door and Facebook.

Earth Month Cleanup 2022 Lydia

Clean up began on Saturday, April 9th. Lydia reported that no one showed up at Bridal Veil Park, but there were three other locations to collect bags and sign up, Tower Hill, East River Road Parkway and Luxton Park. Lydia thinks that next year, the committee needs to do a better job of advertising Clean Up Day. Britt needs to get the information so she can make sure folks are available at Bridal Veil Park (formerly Tower Hill Park). Prizes of \$25 gift cards were available to be awarded. Wrap up is Saturday, April 23rd with prizes awarded that day. Also Lydia thinks the Clean Up should be one day next year. Mary is organizing trash collection on the U of M bike path on Saturday, April 16.

**2022 Garden/Home Energy Walk/ Yard sales and Rain garden tour
Saturday, June 18th Lydia**

Lydia reported that Jen Michlitsch will organize the yard sales and Lydia will organize the Home Energy Walk (“Ecotour”). There will be no garden walk or plant sale this year. Details will be discussed at the next monthly meeting. Britt and others discussed whether the electric bikes should be available during the walk. Jenny says that house and yard sales will be Saturday and Sunday, 8-5. People can also set up at the Pratt School parking lot and Britt will look at the space to see if it works for the bikes. She also might set them up in the Pillars’ parking lot since Pillars will be one of the rain garden sites. The two other rain garden locations are Glendale and River of Hope Church. CEE hopefully will be there offering free energy audits. The Environment Committee will also have a

table with information about the 25 by 25 initiative as well as maps of the eco sites.

Mary will order seed papers to be given out at the rain garden sites. Jenny will do a Save the Date on the PPE list. Mary wants to make sure the pollinator garden on Franklin is included as well as rain gardens in folks yards. Lydia will reach out to Chris from Garden Club to see if the Club is willing to help with the publicity. Mary will make sure there are trash and recycling bins available. Mary notes we need more volunteers to help out on the day.

Next meeting is Tuesday, May 10th