

**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**College Park Committee for a Better Environment**  
**Monday, January 27, 2020**  
**7 pm**  
**Location: Davis Hall**  
**9217 51st Avenue, College Park, MD 20740**

- Amendments to and/or approval of this agenda
- Review and approve December minutes (attached)
- Report on City activities and CBE budget – Janet McCaslin.
- Report back from Committee on Committees -- Scott Somers (30 minutes)

### **Ongoing Business**

- Follow up on actions:
  - Schedule session on Project Drawdown
  - Invite Director of Sustainability and SGA President to next meeting re: Earth Day?
  - Revision of CBE brochure
  - CBE support for curbside pickup -- submitted. Council meeting on Jan 28. Proposal includes charging for some items and prevention of contractor waste, but no real limits on bulk trash otherwise.
  - Letter encouraging Mayor and Council to adopt clover/grass for Duvall field – update – modified turf is likely option, but still some support for artificial turf,
  - Educating students on “trash to treasure” (Cameron, Daniel, and Caroline)
  - Earth Day 2020 (coordinating with University) – (Cameron and Janet)
- Green Awards – new Nominees? (we can nominate up to 4 – can be either individuals or businesses demonstrating environmental leadership). Nominations should be put in writing for consideration at the next meeting
- Tree and Landscape Board report.

### **New Business**

- With our remaining budget – we could use the funds in several ways. Some suggestions:
  - To support backyard composting and the city’s drop off composting, as well as rain barrels. We could host one event for CP residents where we give away free compost bins/compost buckets to encourage better disposal/reuse of food waste.
  - A separate event on rain barrels, where we can give away free rain barrels to CP residents (e.g., first 40 people get one free if they are CP residents).
  - Circular car magnets that promote electric cars and could be given out at various events. I can explain more at the meeting, but basically these magnets would be intended to help promote and highlight EV use. This would be a norm-shifting effort, akin to many online pledges about going electric next time you can (e.g., <https://www.nextcarpledge.org/>, and <https://www.electricpledge.org/>).

- Guilford Run bank planting. If we can make Guilford Run look more attractive, it has a better chance of being well treated, and even featured, by the City. There are often native ferns on the steep banks of small creeks like Guilford Run. CBE could buy plants (native ferns, or other plants that would be advised for this kind of site) and planting these along Guilford Run.
- Survey to assess sustainability of activities within the City, run by professional survey folks so that the data are solid and provide a strong foundation for ongoing and future sustainability efforts by the city. What fraction of residents compost on their property? leave leaves on their property? own an electric vehicle? have green power for their home? etc etc. Having these numbers would help us know where to put our efforts and would also provide a starting point against which we can gauge progress in future years.
- Review data from College Park University Partnership regarding College Park's progress on sustainability goals. Significant progress has been made—thanks to this committee and city employees. But, there are areas where we did not make progress. For example, we have not increased the number of people walking/biking to work (and transportation infrastructure is a major issue). Todd and Alexa attended, so we can present out the information. This can help us focus our efforts in 2020, in conjunction with data from Project Drawdown, which teaches us which actions have the biggest impacts. **See attached.**

**Next Meeting:** February 24, 2020