

DRAFT AGENDA
College Park Committee for a Better Environment
Monday, February 24, 2020
7 pm
Location: Davis Hall
9217 51st Avenue, College Park, MD 20740

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

Ongoing Business

- Follow up on actions:
 - Schedule session on Project Drawdown (**see attached draft letter**)
 - Revision of CBE brochure
 - Green Awards Brochure – **see attached** and being any edits to the meeting if needed
- Bee City / Pollinator Gardens – form sub committee and address pesticide use in the city (Brenda Alexander)
- 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.**
- Survey to assess sustainability of activities within the City to provide a strong foundation for ongoing and future sustainability efforts by the city. **See attached.**
- Draft letter to mayor and council regarding furnished rentals.
- 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.

- With our remaining budget – we could use the funds in several ways. Some suggestions:
 - Translating the above survey into Spanish and distributing it (postcards, printing)
 - Printing CBE materials for distribution
 - Providing a training for residents on how to handle mosquitoes without pesticides and provide free GAT traps and dunks. <https://us.biogents.com/bg-gat/>
 - 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/>).

New Business

- Letter encouraging City Council and Mayor to support Prince George's Climate Action plan (**see attached**)
- Letter from CBE in support of Sustainable Maryland state funding (**see attached**)

Next Meeting: March 23, 2020