

Minneapolis Northern Green Zone Task Force

June 12, 2019
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Northeast Library
2200 Central Ave. NE

Members in attendance: Markeeta Keyes, Anita Urvina Davis, Michael Chaney, Lars Morris, Anthony Taylor, Roxanne O'Brien, Linnae Nelson-Seys, Liz Reiser, Jim Voll, Yolonda Adams Lee, Joanne Goddard, Catherine Fleming, Juli Leerssen

Staff/Facilitators: Sam Grant, James Trice, Kelly Muellman, Kennedy Kruchoski

Guests: Natalie Warren, Rebecca Walker, Michelle Shaw, Georgianna Yantos, Marita Bujold, Michael Ryan, Zach Quinn, Claire Baglien

Welcome + Introductions

James Trice opened the meeting at 5:38 p.m. Members and guests introduced themselves, and James reviewed the agenda.

Announcements

- There is a **vacancy on the Northern Green Zone Task Force**. The position will be open for applications until the task force meeting in July, and a link to the application will be sent to members to share with their networks.
- The Minneapolis and McKnight foundations are seeking the feedback of the task force about the applicants to the Climate Action and Racial Equity Fund. Kelly requested that 1-3 task force members **volunteer to review those proposals**. Task force members Anita Urvina Davis and Liz Reiser expressed interested in volunteering.
- **Juneteenth is Saturday, 6/15**. The City's Sustainability Division and the Community Environmental Advisory Commission will be hosting a table.
- **Mon, June 17, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**
MN Pollution Control Agency seeks input on second round of Volkswagen Settlement funds.
 - Second round funds are **\$23.5 million** (50% of the total).
 - How should the state spend this money???
 - Location: Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center, 2001 Plymouth Avenue North
 - www.pca.state.mn.us/air/vw-phase-2
- **Tues, June 18, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM**
Minneapolis Green Teams meeting - gathering of Minneapolis neighborhood association "green" committees
Location: Christ English Lutheran Church, 3210 Oliver Ave N.
www.facebook.com/groups/mplsgreenteams/
- **Due June 19**

MPCA Environmental Justice Student Worker Position

For all the details, including how to apply, visit the [State of Minnesota's career website](#) and search for Job ID 33110 or Environmental Justice Student Worker

Creating a Northern Green Zone Work Plan

Facilitator Sam Grant provided an overview of the meeting structure that task force meetings will follow moving forward. This structure will include time for each subcommittee to report out their own work and recommend future actions for the task force. There will also be time for subcommittees to meet and work together within the scheduled time of the task force meeting. Each group will have a City or facilitator member responsible for taking notes and supporting discussions within the smaller groups. A worksheet was provided by facilitators to document discussion items, recommendations, ideas, and next steps that result from subcommittee discussions. Sam provided some guidelines for hosting subcommittee meetings outside the regularly scheduled task force meetings, including giving advanced notice about meeting time and location to members and interested parties, and setting "SMART" (specific, measurable, attainable, realistic/responsive, and timely) goals to make each meeting count towards the larger vision and goals of the task force. Sam encouraged the subcommittees to keep long term objectives in mind, as well as to define actionable items for this year and start working towards them.

Task Force member Roxxanne O'Brien requested that members and guests share why they are attending the meeting, what they think the Green Zones are, and their top priorities.

Subcommittee Work (40 to 60 minutes) for work groups to convene in the space of our meetings to advance their work

Sam Grant listed the six subcommittees and stated that since there will be overlap between groups regarding topics they want to address, the structure of the groups and the potential to merge groups may be revisited after tonight's meeting.

Subcommittees met and answered questions about their groups' structures and visions, and the steps to take to get them there. The groups also identified questions that they need answered by City staff and facilitators. The six groups are as follows:

- Housing affordability, accessibility + sustainability
- Air, Water + Land quality
- Green jobs/career pathways
- Community Healing + Stop Community Violence
- Soil + Local Foods
- Land/economic development criteria

Presentation of Subcommittee recommendations (if any) and discussion

Subcommittee members shared their groups' project ideas and recommended actions for the task force, based on the worksheets filled out by each group. Task Force members were asked to send these worksheets to facilitators once they are complete, and facilitators will be recording them for each group's future use.

Review recommendations with decision chart for Task Force vote

Sam led a discussion about how the group will be making decisions about how to spend funding and what projects to pursue, asking what criteria the group wants to follow. Criteria for group decisions were discussed and included investing in alignment between committees, prioritizing suggestions that overlap between groups.

7:32 p.m. Adjourn

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 10 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Mill City Commons, 3023 Randolph St NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418

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