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11/17/2012 Minutes

Sustainable Arlington Meeting Minutes, Nov 17, 2012

Due to low numbers of steering committee attendees we'll put off governance election until December and minutes will be reviewed and voted on in December as well.

Outreach/website committee:

- Website training- Laura and Brucie met and discussed how to engage parents of young children and others who can't make it to monthly meetings. Maybe advertise tasks that people can participate in that are time limited and more specific that people can get excited about. Dave H would like to participate as well.
- Ideas going forward- SA can share more specifics about projects, keep website current with core related activities, tasks coming up in the next month, have a list of people who would like to know when meeting is and send them a reminder, follow up on Vision 2020 interest list

Updates:

Vision 2020 would like a statement for the census survey insert- Charlotte will send to Brucie.

EcoFest- next SA working group meeting is on Thursday Nov 29, 7pm at Gail's house. This group can determine our own activities. The public art group is interesting in being involved- thought to involve actual footprints around town, we can find a film and pick what to display at the SA table. Raffle: if this happens again this year it would need its own subgroup, pluses- involved business community and raised money to pay the speaker

Master Planning- Alan M is the new planner in Economic Development. We would like to hear from him and have a conversation at the December meeting re: density of development, smart growth, and transportation. Maybe ask Linda Malik to attend that meeting, as she has offered to help facilitate a discussion.

Additional business and announcements:

- Laura- new initiative at the state level to encourage multifamily housing in communities that is close to public transportation. Goal is 10K units per year.
- Solid Waste master plan letter-initiated by Recycling Committee, group approved signing onto letter
- Mural at Spy Pond- Sat Dec 8 at Spy Pond
- Hurd Field porous pavement ribbon cutting- Nov 20 at noon
- Ryan- Final Solarize numbers- over 700 KWh and 154 contracts signed
- Ryan introduced Doran Donovan of Viridian Energy, who provided us an overview of energy purchasing options.

Next meeting in December 13.