

CSC Taskforce Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Time: 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

Attendees:

- Mike K.
- Lori A.
- Laura O.
- Bridgett W.
- Bridgett M.

1. Public Forum Debrief

- **Attendance:** Exceeded expectations, with a good turnout.
- **Family Engagement:** Consider adding family-oriented activities at future public events.
- **Follow-Up on Collected Emails:** Begin outreach initiatives with emails collected at the event to strengthen community involvement.

2. Composting Update

- **Materials and Approval:** Necessary materials are in place, pending formal approval from the DEC.
- **Funding:** A new compost bucket may be needed in the future, with funding available from CCE.
- **Promotion:** Once DEC approval is received, we can promote the composting initiative more actively.

3. Cooling Centers

- **Town Pool:** Can serve as a temporary cooling center.
- **Additional Locations:** Explore possibilities for establishing a permanent cooling center at the library or another public facility.

4. Radon Awareness Month (January)

- **Radon Kits:** JCPHS has received radon test kits.
- **Promotion:** Plan to promote Radon Awareness Month and distribute kits at the municipal building for community members interested in testing.

5. Future Projects & Goals

- **Spring Tree and Flower Planting:**
 - Trees for shade and cooling benefits.
 - Create a native pollinator garden with educational signage.
 - Potential collaboration with TILT for Arbor Day, with a tree raffle as an option.
 - Use compost in plantings once the program is established.
- **STR Environmental Conference in January:**
 - CSC to host a half-table, with Mike staffing the table (Bridgett W. and Bridgett M. will attend).
 - Possible seed bomb giveaway with information on their history; consider involving the SAFE Club.
 - **Suggestion Box:** Collect ideas for future taskforce projects.
 - **Brochure/Rack Card:** Develop a one-page brochure with a QR code linking to 100+ sustainable actions for residents. Bridgett M. will design, and Mike will ensure the website is ready with action items for the QR link.
- **CSC Webpage Development:**
 - **Website Creation:** Mike will work on establishing a dedicated CSC webpage with 100+ action items listed.
- **Social Media Presence:**
 - **Management:** Bridgett M. will establish and manage social media channels to share updates and initiatives.
- **Climate-Smart Literature Section:**
 - **Library Section:** Create a dedicated area in the library for climate-smart literature.
 - **Promotion:** Share literature and “Blue Zones” information through socials and at events.
 - **Future Initiative:** Explore options for a climate-smart book club.
- **Email Sign-Ups:**
 - Taskforce members to collect email addresses from community members interested in staying informed about CSC initiatives.
- **Climate Smart Workshops in Repurposed Spaces:**
 - **Expert-led Workshops:** Invite environmental experts to lead workshops or talks in underutilized locations, such as Guardino.
 - **Earth Day Fair:** Consider organizing an Earth Day fair featuring these workshops.
- **Repurposing Spaces:**
 - **Sidewalk Maintenance:** Encourage improved sidewalk maintenance for winter accessibility.
 - **Winter Walking Spaces:** Explore using spaces like Guardino as safe, indoor walking areas for the elderly during winter.

Next Meeting:

Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Time: 12:30 PM