

Sustainable Burien Minutes for the July 12, 2009 Gathering

Welcome – Bill

Strawberry Festival – Feedback

This is a recap of some of the comments we got about this year's participation and what we might do differently next year:

- The information we were handing out was disconnected from what "SuBu" does
- We need something more demonstrative in the booth that would catch the attention of the visitors at the festival
- Kid activity might be a fun thing to add to the booth
- Integration/Flow – Make the two booths more combined
- Recycling/Composting – learned that we need a composting/recycling demonstration at next festival. Lucy is willing to wear a costume that will make it less intimidating to talk about the recycling. (Barb mentioned that the ESC has a salmon costume that we might be able to use next year.)
- The strawberry plants were a big success – thanks to Jean Spohn! It was a great draw to the booth!
- The maps were excellent and a good talking point.
- Need to have the SB and ESC booths next to each other. (We were limited this year because the Parks Department classified SuBu as a Sponsor, but next year we should be able to deal with that. It did get us a great location!)
- Booth location – good flow, but we need a flatter location

Survey

- We reviewed the survey results:
- Tuesdays & Wednesdays were the most popular and Sundays were next
- Rebecca will check the availability for the Library on Tuesdays and Wednesdays
- We can test a weeknight meeting by scheduling a movie or a speaker on a weeknight
- The Coard will review the comments on the survey and decide how best to use this information

PODS

- Went around the circle to share what our interests are
- Food (Community Gardens/Sourcing local food), Energy (Solar/Water) , Community (Education/Marketing SB to the community to increase involvement), Transportation (alternative modes/bike racks& lockers) and Environment (eliminating litter, minimizing carbon foot print, encourage native plants etc.)
- Jean suggestion adding Education as a POD
- Passion speaks loudly! Each of us can influence through our own passions.
- All of the "PODS" activities are interconnected
- More project focused PODS – in order to focus on accomplishing things that will benefit the community??

Speakers

Some potential speakers:

- Waste Management
- Mark Plunkett – Aquarium (Barb recommended, not available on Sundays though)
- Perma-culture – Bob Berry
- North Hills elementary – Sherry
- Vic from Sustainable Ballard
- Gleaning – Rebecca will research a speaker
- Are there any members who can speak about a subject or is there someone you'd like to hear from?
- Rebecca has volunteered to coordinate the speakers for upcoming meetings

NING

- <http://sustainableburien.ning.com/>
- Opportunity for additional interaction between monthly meetings
- Classified ads, post event notices, post photos

Bike Lockers at Burien Transit Center and Bike Racks around town

- Kevin has contacted King County Metro and they are in the process of getting bike lockers installed at the new Transit Center. We'll have an additional update at the next Gathering.
- Come to a City Council meeting to support the importance of bike racks in our community. Meetings are on the 1st and third Mondays at the new large meeting room at the public library.

Community Gardens

- History – Bryn contacted and Kelly met with Kathy and Dane from B/IAS
- Once we had the water figured out we moved forward with some demonstration gardens
- We originally set up 4 gardens, but that has expanded
 - o PROS – gardens came together very quickly, fun to work together, pictures were posted on the B-town Blog, take turns watering and it is a good way to meet people
 - o CONS – some peppers were picked (pilfering)
- Jean has been developing signage for the gardens
- John provided the wood for the boxes and Jimmy donated the soil
- We have more wood to add additional beds
- Kelly is still planning on submitting a community grant application to get additional funding for money to reimburse out of pocket expenses.

Next Project

- **SB endorsement project?**

- **Solar Tour**

- SB was invited to help with the solar tour. Opportunity for SB to get visibility, volunteers may be needed to help with the solar tour. (We're waiting for more information from the sponsors)
- If you are interested in participating or volunteering contact Kevin or Bob E.

Field Trip to the garden

Events

- WSU Farm tour in the Fall – see our Events page for a link, information will be added as it becomes available.

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