

Library Environmental Committee Agenda—August 26, 2014

Present: Jonah Magar (chair, in place of Susan Kendall), Eric Tans (recorder), Stephanie Perentesis, Aaron Tomak, Kriss Ostrom, Hsiang-Ping Cha

1. Library Environmental Series

- a. Contacting Local Chefs – Jonah and Heidi will discuss outside of this meeting and bring any potential plans to the next meeting.
- b. Frank Telewski talking about Beal/campus trees and environmental issues that concern them: **Confirmed** to take place 11/6 at 12:10pm in the North Conference Room. Info has gone to PR; Heidi has also communicated with Michael and Sharon for the event committee.
- c. Ingham County Drain Commissioner Patrick Lindemann to talk about rain gardens? – Kriss (taking over for Mike who is out recovering from surgery)

Kriss spoke with Pat's office manager. Patrick is very interested in participating but Kriss needs to follow up with his office today or tomorrow to confirm time and date. Holly told Kriss that PR can be still be done at this late date.

- d. Peter Carrington/ Beal Garden Tours for Sept./Oct. – Susan
These tours have been confirmed and have gone to PR.

2. Bike Procedures Update

- a. Approval: Check!
Mary Schueller will confirm Cliff's approval and then will be standing by to submit the library account number for the bicycle whenever we are ready.
- b. Space has been made in Circ by removing the ill-fated ASMSU charging station – Kriss
- c. Kriss will write the procedures for staff to check out the library bicycle– Kriss
- d. Physical acquisition – Jonah will assume responsibility from Mike to pick up the bicycle from MSU Bikes.
- e. Where to store the signed forms for the bike? – in the Circ reference drawer

- f. Reservations will be made by outlook. Calendar must be created for the bike. Kriss will submit a SysDoc to have the calendar created. Checkout will be through Sierra by staff at the Circulation Desk with a signed agreement/disclaimer.

3. Other Business

- a. Continue discussion of pros/cons related to Smart Commute participation reporting. This has been tabled for the next meeting.
- b. Ecofont – Discuss practicality/usefulness and respond to Kevin Finkenbinder

Jonah tried to contact the company that produces the font and never heard back. He also searched for but was unable to find any qualitative data on the effectiveness of the font. We have no way of knowing how effective using the font would be, but committee members seemed to think that printing double sided and using skinny fonts would be a good alternative to pursuing the font. Jonah will respond to Kevin thanking him for his suggestion and informing him we will not be pursuing it.

- c. Ecogram – Ideas?

1. MSU Compost club - \$20 per month for 20 gal bin. MSU sustainability will pick it up on bikes and use for student organic farm vermicomposting. Could the library participate in this program?
2. MSU Recycling will promote Food sustainability month – September. We were not sure what this means so we will ask and see how we might participate.
3. Reusing Water bottles
 - Reduce Waste
 - Save money - Don't pay for water at Sparty's. We'll explain HOW!
 - Happy Hour pricing on drinks all day long when you provide your own cup – Jonah will produce this idea into an Ecogram

- d. New Initiative: Library EcoCulture Student Campaign – Stephanie Perentesis suggested we discuss ways to encourage library users to pick up, recycle, discourage phone and other noise pollution, etc.

Stephanie suggested organizing some sort of campaign to encourage students to pick up after themselves and demonstrate more respect and civility for the library as a place and the staff. She suggested taking steps to somehow make individuals aware of the

connection between their tuition costs and the upkeep of campus in general (and the library specifically) so that they will buy in and clean up after themselves and stop wasting, perhaps with a poster featuring a graphic of a custodian working with a large pile of garbage? Jonah suggested involving facilities and custodians or contacting Sean Barton, new project coordinator for MSU Sustainability. Ruth Ann (PR) and Sean Barton could collaborate to create a campaign to raise awareness and promote grassroots buy-in from students rather than top down authority.

Kriss suggested searching for recycling PR campaigns that we could learn from and requesting promotional funding for a campaign.

- e. Discuss fund requests for possible upgrades or eco-friendly tech/acquisitions
Eric suggested drinking fountain upgrades – the digital water bottle refilling fountains that are in other buildings on campus. Jonah will go to the union to see the drinking fountain brand. Committee will work via email to draft a recommendation for Cliff.
- f. Recruitment – Filling Andrea’s former position on the committee. This has been tabled until the next meeting.
- g. Possible event for spring – panel on community gardens in the area.

Next meeting: Tuesday 9/23/14 – Chair: Susan Kendall; Recorder: Jonah Magar