Sustainability Committee – Minutes 7/18/19

Attendees: David Hagerty, Sharrie Bettencourt, Tracy Marcial (DO), Isabel Angel (Republic Services), Ismail Al-Shabazz, Todd Farr

Minutes

Approved June minutes (5-0)

Public

Republic Services will have a compost give-away to PH residents on Aug. 17, 9:00-1:00, Lot 9; BYO Bucket. Must bring identification to show proof of residency.

District Office updates - Tracy

DO Cabinet agreed to a two-tier structure for EV charging: lower rate for first 4 hours, high after.
EV charging stations at SRC and CCC expected to go in during August. PHC no date yet.

Custodial/Recycling

Ismail and David will meet with the President’s Cabinet in August to introduce the idea of a sidekick for trash piloted in AB, plus a compost container in kitchens and break rooms, plus education to employees.
Ismail also has photos of trash piles generated on campus.
Tentative plans for a campus waste audit involving students in Fall (need input from Gerardo/ASDVC)*

Bike Racks

Todd will ask ASDVC about funding two more bike racks: by police services, near ATC; David will ask about locations; Sharrie is working on layering the DVC campus map to show location of bike racks/trails

Transit Goals – Dave and Kirsten

This fall, committee will promote Try Transit, a $20 free clipper card to any student/employee who signs up online thru 511 Contra Costa, and Miles, an app that tracks commute methods. It will use: DVC website, e connect, parking permit page, monitors, ASDVC Instagram account (ask Gerardo for assist). 511 Contra Costa can track participation in both.

Newsletter – Dave and Sharrie

Sharrie will create a draft of summer newsletter that goes to faculty and staff before next meeting. It could include a section titled “How Do I Dispose of _____” to help address the many questions that faculty and staff have had over recent months.

Miscellaneous

David will follow up with Becky and George about the reusable water bottles for the cafeteria, sold by the bookstore.
*Potential opportunity to demonstrate a waste audit would be November 15 which is National Recycles Day. This would also be an opportunity to have a movie viewing of the movie, “WASTED”. And also an opportunity to bring in the company: White Pony Express, a food rescue and recovery program.

CHESC

David showed a PP about the CHESC conference at UCSB; committee discussed focusing on 3 areas in fall:

- Food reclamation partnership with food pantry, culinary, cafeteria, local stores
- Better waste diversion and segregation (including waste audit, showing Wasted! Doc)
- Transit promotions like Try Transit, Miles to increase alternate modes use
- Creating partnerships across campus to show widespread support for committee causes

Next meeting

8:00 August 13 AB 217