

## Green Team Meeting Minutes

### Attendees:

Kiersten Madden  
Liz DeHart  
Joseph Aizen  
Jena Campbell  
Rae Mooney  
Colleen McCue  
Ellen Knapke  
Sally Morehead  
Lindsay Pollard

**\* Next Green Team meeting will be held Friday, Feb 3 @ 12:00 in the Estuarine Research Center \***  
**(Aubrey Lashaway has volunteered to bring snacks)**

### I. Announcements

- Port Aransas Recycling:
  - The City of Port Aransas will be expanding and improving their recycling program – they will soon be collecting plastics (#1-7); paper (i.e., mail, catalogs, magazines, envelopes, cereal/frozen dinner boxes, drink cartons, cardboard, newspapers, copy paper, phone books); and aluminum, tin, and steel cans (but still NO glass)
  - Kiersten will notify everyone at UTMSI once the changes take place
- Jetty Cleanup
  - Jetty Cleanup will be held in January (exact date TBD)
  - Cleanup will take place on a Wednesday during lunch
  - Kiersten will email UTMSI once a date has been determined
- Landscaping:
  - Sally spoke with Steve Lanoux about bringing in the Estuarine Research Center landscape architects to train the UTMSI grounds crew about native/water-wise plantings
  - Steve says that UTMSI will be hiring the same landscape architects to develop a “master plan” for the entire UTMSI campus
- Invasive Species:
  - Colleen suggested that the Green Team should consider helping Bill Behrens remove Brazilian Pepper Trees from around the UTMSI campus
    - Colleen will talk to Tony about the potential effects of removing the stand of trees between the Wetlands Education Center and the beach
    - Kiersten will contact Bill about other potential areas for removal and possible scheduling of an event

### II. Progress Report

- Seminar Series:

- Liz will work with Linda to begin incorporating “green” movies into the monthly seminar series
- Bike Gang:
  - In October, six new Bike Gang members were awarded t-shirts and 4 previous members that met the challenge for a second/third time were awarded alternative prizes
- Upcycling Project:
  - Rae has signed us up for the upcycling “waiting list” for cork, writing, implements, and coffee bags
  - Colleen will look into other companies for potential upcycling projects that would not have a waiting list
  - The group discussed the possibility of beginning the collection immediately, but decided to wait until a potential upcycling “partner” was identified with a specific end date to the collection effort

### III. Discussion

- Discussion about how the Green Team could encourage biking, walking, and car pooling to work on a year-round basis
  - Prizes will be offered on a quarterly basis (i.e., every three months)
  - During the three month period of the “contest” (e.g., Jan – Mar), participants will receive one “ticket” for every 15 days that they bike, walk, or carpool to work
    - Each person that carpools will receive their own “ticket”
  - “Tickets” will go into a drawing for three prizes – one-\$50 prize and two-\$25 prizes
  - The program will run from Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2012
  - Kiersten will enlist volunteers to seek donations and/or purchase prizes when needed
  - Kiersten will post signup sheets and email UTMSI before the Holidays
  - As part of this program, the Green Team will look into the feasibility of beginning a bike “rental service” for individuals that would like to bike to work but do not wish to purchase a bike
    - Lindsay will talk to Deana about the use of the “undergraduate bikes” during the non-summer months
    - Ellen will email graduate students about unclaimed bikes at Beach Street Apartments and Wilson Cottages to determine if any of them can be fixed up by the Green Team; Ellen will also see if there are any other individuals at UTMSI that might like to donate bikes that need to be repaired
    - Green Team will talk to local bike shops about fixing bikes for free or at a discounted rate
    - Green Team will rent bikes for a very cheap price (i.e., \$10/month) to individuals working at UTMSI

### IV. New Business

- The GSA is requesting funds from the Green Team to purchase a compost bin for the Beach Street Apartments
  - Ellen has spoken with Veril about clearing an area for the bin – he has agreed
  - The group discussed potential bin options and decided to purchase a larger “turning” bin that can be easily moved

- Lindsay will email Sally the website link (Amazon.com) for this type of bin – it will cost approximately \$150
- Then, Sally will email the Green Team a SurveyMonkey link to vote on the purchase of the bin
  - Simple majority vote is needed to pass; voting must remain open for 72 hours
- Kiersten will purchase bin with Procard if approved through the voting process
- Green Team will use this as a pilot project to see if a similar project would be effective at the Wilson Cottages if needed
- Coffee and Cookies
  - Green Team will host Coffee and Cookies in the Estuarine Research Center on Jan 31
  - Sally will organize volunteers for bringing cookies
  - Kiersten will email Venus to let her know that we will be hosting