

Kalamazoo Valley Community College
Sustainability Committee
April 14, 2025

Present: D. Alexander; R. Bair; D. Lancaster; V. McCann; B. McElhone; G. Pestun; N. Rickey; C. Schauer
Absent: R. Brill; K. Fuchs; T. Sypris; T. Shane;

Notes from 2.4.25 were approved; motion by Bill; support from Dave.

- **Scheduled**
 - Recycle Event, Sat. 4.19, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., TTC parking lot
 - Promotion
 - KVFocus; KVFocus+; Friday Focus
 - Have received 10-15 inquiries from public
 - Flyers
 - Social Media
 - Consumers: Intranet; Texas and Oshtemo Townships
 - Nathan to follow up re: digital signage
 - Signage to be placed Friday afternoon, pending weather
 - Good visibility: Baseball game; Police Academy Driving event
 - Volunteer opportunities still available
 - Future Events
 - 10.25.25, 10 – 1 p.m.
 - Nathan to follow up with City of Kalamazoo and Green Earth re: 2026 dates
 - Blight Pull
 - Friday, April 25, 1 p.m.
 - Meet southwest corner of Faculty Parking Lot
 - Nathan to send information to Jessica Potter
 - Friday, May 2,
 - Breakout Session for Faculty Summit
- **Sustainability Initiatives**
 - Discussion re accessibility challenges of current stations
 - Removing the site from the “public charging” list is not an option
 - Ideas to raise awareness/notify re moving cars when fully charged
 - Signage: “As a courtesy . . .” ?
 - 4 hour maximum
 - Cynthia suggested adding a QR code for donations to the Foundation
 - Text/email group ?
 - Per Dannie, individuals would be responsible to establish and maintain
 - Charging App: Bill McElhone to follow up
 - Recycling Stations
 - Greg to follow up with Tom Hamman re: graphic for stations
 - For effective messaging options, Cynthia suggestion, as an option, to collaborate with Psychology Class
 - Follow up with Billy Reynolds

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- Recycling Compostables at TTC
 - Aramark currently uses compostable items
 - Discussion re: the need on collection options that are separate from general garbage/trash containers
- Food Waste Compostables
 - FIC composting all food waste
 - Rachel to forward information for story in KVFocus+
- Technical Trades Wing Renovation/Expansion (Capital Outlay Project)
 - Project is being designed per LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver level criteria.
 - Solar signage was discussed as a possibility
- **Food Ways Symposium**
 - Well received; approx 70 for water ceremony; 120 for presentation
 - Panel re: Storm Water went well
 - Planning session for Fall Summit
 - 2026 Theme South Eastern Asian
- **Future Meetings**
 - TBD