

Morgantown Riverfront Revitalization Task Force

Meeting Notes

February 23, 2023

I. OLD BUSINESS:

a. City Updates

- Update on invasive species treatment: The first phase is complete, and the second phase will begin mid-summer.
- Emily informed the group that she had received a call from an engineering firm in Parkersburg asking about our kayak launch, as they are looking to use the same company. Ella asked that she refer this person to her, as we have used them for more than one launch site.
- Emily added that she had recently rented a bike and taken a nice bike ride and she looks forward to renting kayaks in the spring/summer. This led to discussion about getting the ambassadors out on kayaks and to talk with them about the new rental facility and questions that might arise. It was decided that Kim Katarski, Lead Ambassador, would be invited to the next meeting. Mayor Selin even suggested it might be nice for this group to go out on kayaks, at some point.

II. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Volunteers needed for MRTC's Handmade Market set for April 22: Ella needs volunteers to help set up and clean up (about an hour before and after the event). She also added that, weather permitting, Adventure WV will offer free try-it paddle event on this day.
- b. Date for volunteer cleanup along riverfront: Taryn announced that FODC will have a clean up day on Saturday, April 1st and that MUB will also do a clean up sometime between the 1st and 15th as part of the Governor's Make It Shine program. The group decided to meet behind the former Jeep dealership by Mountaineer Heritage Park on April 13 at 1 pm to do a cleanup. Zach Fowler mentioned that WVU students will be looking for volunteer/service credits and it should be fairly easy to recruit volunteers at that time of year. Ella agreed to post this volunteer opportunity on the WVU student site. The cleanup will be from 1-4, and MUB will provide trash bags, picker uppers, and gloves.
- c. Opekiska kayak improvements: Ella is working with Army Corps to improve kayak launches in several locations to include new fabric, stone and improving surrounding land.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Next meeting scheduled is Thursday, March 23rd, 9:00 a.m.