

Recap of RF100 – Green Team Taskforce Meeting

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Video may be seen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yvzIakPqf7g&t=25s>

Conveners, Robin Mann & Sara Pilling welcomed the newly appointed Green Team to the meeting. Radnor Township Manager Robert Zienkowski thanked the team for stepping up to shepherd the RF100 initiative in Radnor. He emphasized the need for communication with Radnor residents and stated that the Commissioners are 100% committed to this process.

The members introduced themselves:

Ms. Ali Bauer is a rising Junior at Radnor Township High School; she and Ms. Becca Zajac are the leaders of the Earth Action Leadership Council at the school.

Katrina Ogilby is a long-time volunteer in Radnor, an environmental educator and a Life Coach.

Dr. Ruth McDermott-Levy is an Associate Professor of Nursing at Villanova and Director of their Center for Environmental Health.

Ruth Mooney, a former nurse, is active as an environmentalist; she and her husband lead their condo HOA at St. David's Park. Her greatest concern is how Climate Change will affect our health.

Dan Burnham is active at Central Baptist Church, where he often presents on plastics and recycling. Dan is a retired physiologist.

Mark Mullin, a Sr. Management engineer in the aerospace industry and, is pursuing his Masters Degree in Sustainable Engineering at Villanova University.

Robin reviewed Radnor's commitments to transition to more efficiently utilize clean, renewable and affordable electricity by 2035, and 100% energy use for transportation and heat by 2050. The initial work of the Green Team will be to oversee preparation of an RFP development of an Energy Transition Plan; advise the township on selection of a planner; and oversee preparation of a community engagement process. The Radnor RF100 team will assist with community outreach and education, identifying tabling and other communications opportunities. Already on the schedule are the Aug. 24 block party on Highland Avenue, Wayne; and the Radnor Fall Festival along N. Wayne Avenue in mid-September.)

Robin introduced Jim Wylie, Sierra Club's lead RF100 coordinator for SE Pennsylvania, to share some of his first-hand experience as lead volunteer for RF100 organizing of West Chester and the 6 surrounding municipalities. Through their regional Council of Governments, the communities collaborated in issuing an RFP, selecting a planner, and apportioning the overall cost of \$75,000.00, based on participating municipal population counts. Over the coming months, Cadmus, the chosen planning firm, will conduct a series of meetings, public interviews and visioning workshops to identify opportunities and develop a plan.

Jim noted useful resources for Radnor's team, including:

-- the Radnor-specific information available from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission [DVRPC] <https://www.dvrpc.org/webmaps/MunicipalEnergy/mcdDetail.aspx?mcdcode=4204563264>

-- Solarize PA, a solar program in which Haverford Township and Media Boro are actively participating; Lumina is the selected firm installing the arrays.

Following Jim's presentation, Green Team members discussed next steps in organizing themselves, and setting priorities. Among the issues for later discussion will be what types of local policy changes are needed, such as to encourage rooftop solar installations, and how to involve educational institutions.

Public comment –

Laura Luker of the Radnor Conservancy spoke of their organization's interest in supporting outreach and education.

The next public meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 25th at 6:30, at the Township Building, in the 2nd floor meeting area outside the Managers office. The meeting will be recorded [but not videotaped.]

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