

## PPA Environment Committee Minutes 9/10/24

Present: Lydia McAnerney, Mary Britton, Vera Marshall, Rick McCormick, Steve Zimmer, Mary Legris

1. PPA request: how can the Environment Committee support the Partnership Engagement Project? By tabling at Park events–Jazz Fest, Fire and Ice; Lydia will send a note to Lynn.
2. Post office weeding date: next week. Mary L and Lydia will do this.
3. Updates:
  - a) 25% x 25: Mary B is waiting for numbers for 2023 from Centerpoint Energy; she will organize an event to celebrate our progress in October.
  - b) Budget: money is not a problem.
  - c) Sparked studio: nearly done.
  - d) Venture Academy trees: 2 of the 4 trees have died. Let's ask Margaret Holland at the school: we will buy 2 new ones if they plant them.
4. Projects ahead for 2024-25:
  - a) Work with Bianca and the kids at Sparked: to have kids work on garbage? Get kids involved in planting trees? Get kids to work on promotional videos for us?
  - b) Should we use our money to hire staff? 4 hours? What task would we specify?
  - c) We need more members and volunteers. We need to send out invitations to the meetings on the PPA listserv.
5. We decided not to meet on Oct. 8; next meeting will be Nov. 12.