

Trash Action Work Force (TAWF)
Notes of Meeting on July 10, 2017

Attending:

Julie Chang, Wendy Cohen, Philip Latasa, Chip Lerivel, Betsy Martin, Eleanor Quigley, Hannah Seligmann, Paul Siegel, Kris Unger, Audrey Watson

Lessons Learned from May 8 Protest:

- Scheduling regular meetings worked.
- 3 hours of protesting is long; 2 hours in the evening may be better.
- Have leaflet for handing out at protest sooner and be clear about what is the final copy.
- Being at a Metro stop was desirable.
- Be in an open, visible area.
- Carrying the American flag was inspiring and energizing.
- Tilley's chants and Liz's singing worked.
- Our signs!
- Our costumes!
- Need more people.
- Get political figures to attend and use them effectively.
- Get more partners/sponsors. Show names of coalitions on written materials.
- Get more publicity.
- Our creativity was great. Continue.

Brainstorming about our Next Action:

- Consider dates of October 21, 22, 24, or 31. Link event to Halloween-apocalypse-environmental horrors.
- Expand focus to all single use plastic.
- Keep pressure on IBWA. Corporate Accountability International (CAI) very impressed by our May 8 Action.
- Recruit Fairfax County schools and tie into their focus on water during academic year 2017-18.
- Target a FCPS Board meeting and testify.
- Join Wendy's efforts to educate.
- Act in Virginia and then go to Congress.
- Include a social event that would award prizes for best costume made of used plastic and/or best artwork.
- Goal for each member: Find 1 partner for the October event.

Decision about the Next Action:

Shortly before Halloween or on Halloween, demonstrate at IBWA and the King St. Metro from 4:00 – 6:00PM on a weekday evening. Adjourn to a nearby venue to celebrate the protest, award prizes, and listen to remarks by attending political officials. Julie will contact George Mason University and perhaps NOVA. Reach out and consult with partners before firming up date.

Letter to IBWA:

After discussion, Betsy agreed to provide a new draft and she emailed it on July 11.

Delegate Mark Levine:

Has offered to meet with IBWA. Betsy includes this offer in her revised draft.

Chip demonstrated the App he developed for tracking trash in Lake Accotink Park.

Meeting ended at 8:40PM. Next meeting will be at Thomas Jefferson Library in Falls Church on Monday, July 31, at 6:30PM.