

Town of Brentwood
Sustainable Brentwood Committee Meeting
Includes Green Team, Native Plant Network, Tree Committee
October 8, 2025
8:00 PM
Meeting Minutes

Meeting norms

- Be Present
- Listen to understand
- Watch your air time
- Use raise hand feature to speak, will be added to queue and facilitator will call on you

Chair: Councilmember Juan Arango Millan

Facilitator: Lauren

Note taker: Cata

Attendees: Jess, Avery, Sara P, Felipe, Emily, Sara C, Maybeli

Sustainable Brentwood Committee 2025-2028 Action Plan [located here](#)

Requirements: Green Team, Green Team Action Plan

Priority Actions (4 of 8 required): Community Gardens, Municipal Energy Audits, Renewable Energy, Municipal Carbon Footprint, Green Purchasing Policy, Create a Watershed Plan, Stormwater Management Program, Complete Streets Policy

Committee provided status updates on 2025-2028 interests and priorities:

1. **Welcome and check-in**
2. **Approved 09/10/2025 meeting minutes were shared.**
3. **Committee outreach, education, recruitment**
 - a. Jess got to talk with Joseph J. about a partnership with Mount Rainier. Mount Rainier council will have it in their agenda by the end of October. (Discussion about collaborating with Sustainable Brentwood)

- b. Sara C, Lauren will volunteer to host an outreach table on Saturday October 25, Councilmember Arango Millan will join.
- c. Join the WhatsApp group to get timely updates that you might miss in email
- d. Join the listserv if you haven't already since Lauren isn't maintaining the email list anymore. Encourage others to join.
<https://groups.io/g/SustainableBrentwood>

4. Organic Waste Compost Campaign

- a. No updates on Memorandum of Understanding proposal to Mount Rainier. Councilmember Arango Millan will ask Brentwood Town Administrator and then ask the mayor of Mount Rainier about Brentwood joining their organic waste program.

5. Native Plant Network

- a. Emily gave an update on the great success of the native plant swap. They will have fall or winter workshops in the community center.
- b. The Network is working on the redesign of the Pocket Park by 40th street. Nature Forward finalized the initial garden design. Next steps are to finalize the design and secure funding to engineer and construct. The project would not be starting until next year.
- c. Brentwoodland (Avery came out with this name) would be a good idea for the renaming of the pocket park.

6. Climate Action Plan with Stormwater and Flooding Mitigation Strategies, including Bartlett Park Redesign

- a. Climate Action Plan is in the final draft with target publication by November. Next steps are working with the Mayor, Council, and Town Administrator to hold a 2026 climate-budgeting workshop, secure funding to implement the recommendations, continue educating the Town and stakeholders.
- b. Environmental Finance Center is printing door hangers for the Committee to hand to residents and businesses.

7. Urban Tree Canopy ordinance

- a. Councilmember Arango Millan is finishing the draft with Vice Mayor Burgess and will be presenting this draft in the next meeting. Everyone is welcome to share their ideas for consideration.

8. Community Garden at Public Works yard

- a. No updates for the community garden yet. Should hear in November.

9. Sustainable Maryland requirements

- a. The town is applying for energy funding (ELGEM). Councilmember Arango Millan will be following up with this.

10. Sustainable Maryland recertification

- a. Brentwood will be receiving an award for sustainability, passing from Bronze to Silver.

11. Other items

- a. Councilmember Arango Millan is working with other members of the council to find ways to provide youth scholarships. More info to come.
- b. Join No Kings Day protests on Saturday October 18

Next meetings

Meetings are second Wednesday 8pm of the month on Zoom

November 12

December 10

January 14