



Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes: July 29, 2019

Call to Order: Rayna Laisoa, Mike Mariani, Mary Mahon, Lisa DeVos, Holly Cowen, Liana Romano, Karen Young, Maureen Cook, Alex Vetlov (8:25 pm), Craig Cayetano (8:30 pm) and Charles Stebbins

Green Team Purpose

- Making community life sustainable in a way that minimizes environmental harm and depletion of natural resources
- Framework is based on the Sustainable Jersey Certification

Topics Discussed on July 29, 2019

- a. Review June 24, 2019 Green Team Minutes – Approved
- b. Community Garden
 - i. Harvest Celebration – Request October Date – Ambulance Building Corp – Pat MacDonald - Pat suggested two dates: October 12th or 26th at 12:00 noon. Pot Luck; all attendees bring a dish. – Confirmed October 12, 2019 – Pat will send out Save the Date to all the gardeners.
 - ii. City Green Grant Opportunity – Team suggested applying for the \$500 Grant, but what can the Garden use or need. See email sent by City Green earlier in the month. – Team agreed to not file for the grant.
- c. Bird Walks 2019 – Topics
 - i. Fall 2019 Bird Walks - any Saturday or Sunday in September or October, except for September 21st, October 19th and 20th. – Confirmed September 7, 2019, September 22, 2019, and October 6, 2019
 - ii. Fall 2019 – 101 Birding Green Lecture – Discuss Dates in October – Library October: Any Tuesday or Wednesday that library has available. Ask Mary Mahon to please check availability. Discussed Potential Dates at the Library – October 1 or October 15, 2019 Mary will follow up with the Library for availability
- d. Sustainable Jersey Re-Certification – Submittal –
 - i. Received Comments Thursday July 18, 2019
 - ii. Must Revise the following Action Plans
 - Community Outreach & Education – must submit Checklist (mandatory)
 - Emergency Communications Planning – Sent to the Police Chief
 - Energy Efficiency for Municipal Buildings – Approved for 15 points, encourage to apply for Energy savings of all your municipal buildings combined.
 - Farmers Market & Making Farmers Market Accessible – Update to the 2019 Market (submitted 2018)
 - Building Healthier Communities – must submit Checklist (mandatory)

- Sustainable Land Use Pledge – Must Re-Adopt Resolution at Council (Action plan submission updated Spring 2019)
 - Green Business Recognition Program – Must submit (2) Green Businesses – Achieved in June 2019 after submission of Application
 - Environmental Commission (EC) Site Plan Review – Must submit a Report that lists all applications sent to EC and action taken
 - Community Forestry Management Plan & NJUCF Accreditation – Remove Canopy Goal document for approval of 10 points
 - Tree Maintenance Program – Further additional questions were raised regarding the 2018 Annual Report submitted Sent to Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission
 - Tree Planting Programs – Further additional questions regarding the budget showing the project funding sources and in-kind contribution of materials and volunteer labor, if utilized. – Sent to Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission
 - On-Line Municipal Public Service Systems – Question regarding on-line website or mobile device for residents to communicate non-emergency issues. Worked with the Administration on Friday July 26, 2019 – Hawthorne does not have an on-line website or mobile device for residents. Unfortunately, we will not be able to submit a Revised checklist to address this issue.
 - Municipal Communications Strategy – Request additional clarification on Checklist questions; Worked with the Administration on Friday July 26, 2019 on Revising the Checklist to address Sustainable Jersey comments.
 - Prescription Drug Safety & Disposal – Remove all information prior to 2016. It must be within 18 months of submittal of the Certification.
 - Commercial & Institutional Recycling – Action targets to address and increase recycling in the commercial/institutional sector. – Rayna will work with Maureen to address SJ's comments
 - Non-Mandated Materials Recycling – Provide promotional materials for Non-Ferrous Scrap metal, tires, oil contaminated soil, cooking oil (tonnage & promotional items not submitted - This is “Food Waste” on the Annual Tonnage Report), wood waste, textiles, CDs, DVDs, etc., and Styrofoam (must be ongoing drop off or at least a twice a year collection in order to quality)
- e. Buy Local Campaign – Launch date Sunday July 1, 2019 “Find the Hawthorne BEE!”
- i. Campaign from Sunday July 1, 2019 to Saturday August 3, 2019
 - ii. Celebration of the “Find the Hawthorne BEE!” Sunday August 4, 2019 at the Farmers’ Market Noon – Encourage all to attend!
 - iii. Total of 22 business participating
- f. 9th Annual Green Fair Sunday September 8, 2019 (rain date Sunday September 15, 2019)
- i. Time of Event 9 am to 2 pm; set-up 8:00 am

- ii. Men of Horse Band – 10:30 am to 1:30 pm with (2) 15 minute breaks – Discussion regarding a local band called Willie Wilson and the Willies. Holly to check. – Confirmed Men of Horse Band booked
- iii. Potential Vendors – Contact Them & Request Participation – Open to New Vendors/Organizations
 - Amy Rowe – Rainbarrel/green infrastructure/ water conservation/native plant booth – Rayna to check
 - Hawthorne Recycling – Maureen Cook – Confirmed
 - “Animals Need You” non-profit organization Tom OR PCSPCA – Need to have a Discussion – No conclusive decision- Mary was not present to discuss
 - BEAR Management – Rayna’s contact
 - City Green -Pat M to check – Confirmed
 - Hawthorne Garden Club -Pat M to check – Confirmed
 - Pandora Healing -Liana “maybe”
 - Goffle Brook Farm -Rayna or Mary to check
 - Passaic County 4-H Club (Bike Smoothie Demonstration – Rutgers Nutrition) -Rayna
 - Knead-U-Need – Pat M – Unable to participate
 - NJ Clean Energy Program – Promote programs
 - Green Team/Environmental Commission Booth –Community Garden, Rain Garden, Native Plant Projects, Anti-Idling
 - Hawthorne Birds-Lisa, Holly, Liana - Confirmed
 - Project Medicine Box – Get literature/information for Green Team booth – Maureen Cook
 - Hawthorne School of Dance -Rosanne to check with Erin
 - The Learning Tree Rosanne to check
 - Pilates Fusion – Pat Curcio – Rosanne to check
 - Chet Scents – Soy Candles Liana to check - Confirmed
 - Holistic Nutrition for Life – Mary ?
 - Electric Car - Park Ave BMW- Check with Craig - Confirmed
 - Cocosol ?
 - Hawthorne Railroad Association - Rob
 - Passaic County Open Space – Kathleen Caren -Rayna
 - Hawthorne Shade Tree Commission Rayna to contact Ms. Lobosco
 - Cub Scouts – Kim – Rosanne
 - Girl Scouts – Lauren - Rosanne
 - Lincoln Landscaping – Rayna to check
 - Reimagined Design Rayna
 - A Rock Solid History of Hawthorne NJ Rosanne to check - Confirmed
 - Bee Habitat – Mary Kostus Liana to check
 - Yoga with Gianna – Holly to contact – Confirmed – Will perform a Demonstration
 - Hawthorne Fire Department – Rosanne to check
 - Fyke Nature Association – Holly to check – Unable to participate
 - Wildbird Unlimited – Charles to contact
 - Farmer’s Market Vendors –Rob Meier
 - Emerald Eco-Squad – Craig -in process

- Green Cleaning Products Company, Atra Janitorial Supply Co., Inc. – Rayna
 - NJ Bergen Audubon Society – Unable to participant
 - J&A Gym – Holly
 - American Blood Drive/Health Prevention – Mary will reach out
 - Elisabeth Barker – Promote/educate plant based diet; Rayna will follow up with her and further discuss exactly what she would like to do.
 - Bike Pad (Hawthorne) – Liana
- iv. Schedule of Events/Times – Band & Yoga – Confirmed
 - v. Tables and Chairs for event – Hawthorne Board of Recreation (Maureen/Bob Scully- tables) and Boys & Girls Club (John – chairs)
 - vi. Hold Harmless Agreement
 - vii. Publicity
 - Press Release, Facebook, Borough’s Website, Nixel
 - Green Fair Ad – Hawthorne Press – Needs Update with 2019 Dates – send to Mike to update dates
 - Green Fair Signs
 - Green Fair Flyers – Completed, Rayna will distribute to Lisa (Facebook) and Borough (website, Nixel, etc.)
 - Special Invitations – Mayor and Council
 - viii. Giveaways -Metal/Bamboo Straws discussed
 - ix. Contact Police in advance for signs and traffic control
 - x. Styrofoam Collection/Deposit – Saturday - Fall 2019 potential combined with Shredding Day; Issue is storage of Styrofoam prior to Monday’s delivery to facility.
- g. Open Discussions/Topics:
 - i. Green Acres Public Notice Hearing – Passaic County giving Hawthorne part of the Goffle Brook Park; Hearing Dates: September 24 2019 in Paterson and August 27, 2019 Boys & Girls Club in Hawthorne

VISION STATEMENT

Hawthorne is committed to protecting our natural resources while meeting the needs of the present generation without compromising those of future generations.

Sustainability means:

- Protecting our open spaces, and conserving our natural resources with waste reduction and recycling
- Promoting environmental education, and energy efficiency to residents and businesses alike
- Considering environmental, economic, and social impacts to future development
- Improving community health and quality of life for every citizen

Next Green Team Meeting August 26, 2019 Hawthorne Library