



**Environmental Commission/Green Team Minutes
December 10, 2015**

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Rosanne Zagatta, Mike Mariani, Robert Maggio, and Robert Meier
 Guests: Pat MacDonnell, Carol Robertson, Mary Mahon, and Yvonne Humpheries

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of
 - a. Environmental Commission/Green Meeting Minutes – September 17, 2015 and October 5, 2015
 - b. Environmental Commission Minutes – November 5, 2015
 - c. Hawthorne Green Team Minutes – November 30, 2015
 Motion by: Rosanne Zagatta, Second by: Mike Mariani

- II. 2016 Hawthorne Environmental Commission Meeting Dates – Reviewed and Approved

January 14, 2016
February 11, 2016
March 10, 2016
April 7, 2016
May 12, 2016
June 6, 2016 – Annual Environmental Program
July 14, 2016
August 11, 2016
September 8, 2016
October 13, 2016
November 10, 2016
December 8, 2016

- III. 2016 Hawthorne Green Team Meeting Dates – Reviewed and Approved

January 25, 2016
February 22, 2016
March 28, 2016
April 25, 2016
May 23, 2016
June 27, 2016
July 25, 2016
August 22, 2016
September 26, 2016
October 24, 2016
November 28, 2016
December 8, 2016

- IV. 2015 Re-Appointments – Hawthorne Environmental Commission – Robert Meier will move to Environmental Commissioner member from Alternate #1, Hazel Pinos

will move up to Alternate #1 from #2; Pat MacDonald DuBuis will become the new Alternate #2; Rayna Laiosa, Mike Mariani, and Robert Maggio will be re-appointed

- V. 2016 Hawthorne Environmental Commission and Hawthorne Green Team – Re-Cap
 - a. Planning Board – Reviewed Royal Realty LLC project review
 - b. Zoning Board – Rivergate and 233 Central Avenue project review and testified
 - c. Annual Environmental Commission Report presented to Borough Council and Mayor in February
 - d. Cel-Earth-Bratton – Rain Barrel Workshop, Green Robot Zoo, and Trashion
 - e. Annual June Environmental Program
 - f. City Green – Received \$1,000 community garden grant- Expansion of the garden, fencing, etc.
 - g. City Green – Rayna and Pat participated in a Focus Group
 - h. Monarch Butterfly Project – Enhanced the Rain Garden at the Library – milkweed
 - i. Green Lectures – Basic Vegetable Gardening, Pest Control
 - j. Community Garden – 2nd Grand Opening
 - k. Community Garden – Harvest Celebration in October 2015
 - l. Hawthorne Day
 - m. Buy Local Campaigns – Hop the Shop, Where’s Waldo, A Taste of Hawthorne Week, and Holiday Program

- VI. Hawthorne Water Reports Month of October 2015 water reports was reviewed and discussed. All water results are fine, below NJDEP water quality standards

- VII. Zoning Board of Adjustment Report –
 - a. 204 Wagaraw Road, LLC Rivergate of Hawthorne, (Block 12, Lot 8 and Block 13.01, Lot 10) Application seeking preliminary & final site plan approval along with use and bulk variance relief to develop the properties in question for a mixed use development. **Revised** The Applicant proposes a total of 244 to 219 residential units, 6,000 square feet of retail and 4,000 square feet of office space in the B3 Zone
 - i. Monday November 23, 2015 – Zoning Board will be voting on the Rivergate application – Board voted “No” to density/use variance; Formal Resolution will be prepared and finalized at the January 25, 2016
 - b. Bergen Record dated December 7, 2015 – Promoting Green Infrastructure article – reviewed and discussed with the Commissioners

- VIII. Planning Board Report – No reports reported

- IX. 24th Annual Cel-Earth-Bratton Saturday April 9, 2016 – Hawthorne High School
 - a. Theme – Team Brainstormed
 - 1. Green Map of Life in Hawthorne
 - 2. Hawthorne Living Green
 - 3. A “Living Green Map”
 - 4. “Green” Lives in Hawthorne
 - 5. “Green Living Here”
 - 6. Mapping Green Life in Hawthorne
 - b. T-Shirt Design – Discussion with the Theme
 - 1. Silhouette of Hawthorne with the words “Green Living”
 - 2. Mike Mariani will create a Design and share with the Commissioners at next meeting – January 2016
 - c. Ideas/Activities –
 - 1. Barbara discussed having Cel-Earth-Bratton “A learning Experience; Interactive Stations where the Commissioners and Green Team members

- interact with the resident and children in learning about Environmental Issues/Concerns;
 - 2. Interactive Stations – Hawthorne Recycling; Reptiles; Green Map; Trees; Birds; Need stickers or stamps
 - 3. Getting to Know Hawthorne’s Environment – Environmental Resource Inventory Figures/Maps; Hawthorne Historical society – Bob Maggio will find out the contact name, Hawthorne Historical Train Association (adjacent to Diamond Bridge Avenue)
 - 4. Potentially Scavenger Hunt K to 2nd grade; 3 to 6 grade; 6 to 8 grade – 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes
 - d. Potential Entertainment/Vendors
 - 1. Rizzo Reptile – Flanders NJ created a Wildlife Preserve
 - 2. Hawks/Falcons
 - 3. Beekeeper
 - 4. Environmental Career Panel/Discussion
 - 5. Boys/Girls Club
 - 6. Boys Scouts
 - 7. Passaic County Parks
 - 8. Hawthorne Shade Commission – Tree Walk
 - 9. Environmental Commission – Powerpoint of Events in Hawthorne Snapshot –
 - e. Publicity/Press Release
 - 1. Channel 77
 - 2. Nextel Alerts
 - 3. Hawthorne Press/Gazette
 - 4. Borough Website
 - 5. Facebook pages
 - f. Trashion Show – Expand to designing bags, hats; jewelry as well as designing clothing
- X. Holiday Buy Local Campaign – Chamber of Commerce – Barbara, Hazel, Jack, Pat, Mary, Robert, Rayna, and Yvonne distributed the Holiday posters.
- XI. Updates on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps
- a. 2015 Budget Environmental Commission – Chair gave Approval for the purchase of 12 green tablecloths for Green Events; Rosanne Zagatta will order them
 - b. Fischer Tiles – installed solar panels on their roof

**Environmental Commission Meeting
January 14, 2016 at 7:30 pm
Municipal Building**