



## Environmental Commission-Green Team Minutes October 5, 2015

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, and Robert Meier

Guests: Pat MacDonnell, Carol Robertson, Mary Mahon, Jack Systma, Ed McGuirk, Barbara McGuirk, and Yvonne Humpheries

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of
  - a. Environmental Commission/Green Meeting Minutes – September 17, 2015 – Moved to November’s meeting for review and acceptance
- II. Hawthorne Water Reports – Month of May, June, July and August 2015 water reports was reviewed and discussed. All water results are fine, below NJDEP water quality standards
- III. 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 September 21, 2015 at 6:45 pm – Encourage commissioners to attend the meeting – Kohler’s attorney crossed-examine Rivergate’s Professional Planner
    - ii. Monday October 26, 2015 at 6:45 pm Encourage commissioners to attend the meeting – Testimony completed at the September 21, 2015 meeting; Meeting is open to the public to ask questions about the project or testify
- IV. Planning Board Report - No update provided to the Commission
- V. Green Fair at the Farmer’s Market Sunday September 20, 2015 Rainedate Sunday October 4, 2015
  - a. **Green Fair Expenses** – reminder submit expenses to Rayna for approval and submittal
  - b. **Monarch Butterfly Garden Dedication** – It went very well. Sent picture to the Hawthorne Press to be published
- VI. Community Garden 2015
  - a. Harvest Celebration – Hawthorne Ambulance Corp building – Saturday October 17, 2015 at 4:00 pm – Rayna will send out last request to gardeners for participation; At this time, we have 3 gardeners attending the event. Everyone is welcome to attend. Reminder – Everyone bring a potluck for the Celebration
  - b. City Green Final Grant Report – Due October 30, 2015 – Rayna and Pat is working on preparing the final grant report. Need to purchase heavy duty rubber water hose, water nozzles, and key replacements.

- VII. Hawthorne Day – Saturday September 26, 2015 – It went well.
- VIII. 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Cel-Earth-Bration Saturday April 9, 2016 – Hawthorne High School
  - a. Theme
  - b. Ideas/Activities –
    - 1. Barbara discussed having Cel-Earth-Bration “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. Potentially Scavenger Hunt K to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade; 3 to 6 grade; 6 to 8 grade – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes
  - c. Trashion Show – Expand to designing bags, hats; jewelry as well as designing clothing
- IX. Holiday Buy Local Campaign – Chamber of Commerce; Chamber is meeting on Tuesday October 13, 2015. Rayna will follow-up with Robert M.
- X. Updates on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps
  - a. Discuss November’s Environmental Commission Meeting Date – Potentially November 5, 2015 instead of November 12, 2015 – Team agreed to move the meeting to November 5, 2015
  - b. 2015 Budget Environmental Commission – Discussed potentially purchasing green linen tables; instead of utilizing green plastic tablecloths; December Buy Local Campaign; Heavy Duty Wooden Easels for Events (Blinks in Paramus); and Printing 8 Acre Woods Maps
  - c. 2016 Proposed Budget Submittal Due October 19, 2015 – Rayna will prepare and submit the 2016 budget
  - d. 2016 Calendar – Environmental Commission/Green Team meetings and events – Rayna will submit to Ellen Brogno and Joan Herve

**Environmental Commission Meeting  
November 5, 2015 at 7:30 pm  
Municipal Building**