



**Environmental Commission Minutes  
November 5, 2015**

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

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of
  - a. Environmental Commission/Green Meeting Minutes – September 17, 2015 and October 5, 2015 – Moved to the December 2015 Meeting
  
- II. 2016 Hawthorne Environmental Commission Meeting Dates – Discussed and reviewed

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

Also, discussed the submittal of the Hawthorne Library meeting room application for the 2016 Green Team meetings. Pat will contact the Library for the 2016 room application. Rayna will complete and submit to the Library for their upcoming December meeting.

- III. Hawthorne Water Reports – no reports reported to the Commission
  
- IV. Zoning Board of Adjustment Report – Discussed recent Hawthorne Press articles
  - 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 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
    - ii. Monday November 23, 2015 – Zoning Board will be voting on the Rivergate application – Encourage Commissioners to attend the meeting

- V. Planning Board Report – No reports reported
  
- VI. Community Garden 2015
  - a. Harvest Celebration – Hawthorne Ambulance Corp building – Saturday October 17, 2015 at 4:00 pm – It went well; A total of 19 participants; 6 gardeners attended the event.
  - b. City Green Final Grant Report – Due October 30, 2015 – Rayna submitted report
  - c. Clean Out Garden Beds – By Thanksgiving weekend – Reminder
  - d. 2016 Rules – Excess Food grown at the garden; discussed options on how to address excess food; Green Team will need to discuss with the gardeners
  - e. 2016 – 4 x 8 garden bed will be available to the public; Rayna will contact the previous owner of the 4 x 8 garden bed to remind them to clean out the bed. Deadline was the end of October. As a backup, Pat and Carol volunteered to clean-out the garden bed for the Green Team.
  
- VII. 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Cel-Earth-Bration Saturday April 9, 2016 – Hawthorne High School
  - a. Theme - Team needs to bring an idea for 2016's Cel-Earth-Bration
  - 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. Getting to Know Hawthorne's Environment – Environmental Resource Inventory Figures/Maps; Hawthorne Historical society, Hawthorne Historical Train Association (adjacent to Diamond Bridge Avenue)
    - 4. 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. Potential Entertainment/Vendors
    - 1. Rizzo Reptile
    - 2. Hawks/Falcons
    - 3. Beekeeper
    - 4. Environmental Career Panel/Discussion
  - d. Trashion Show – Expand to designing bags, hats; jewelry as well as designing clothing
  
- VIII. Holiday Buy Local Campaign – Chamber of Commerce; Chamber is meeting on Tuesday October 13, 2015. Rayna will follow-up with Robert M.
  
- IX. Updates on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps
  - a. 2015 Budget Environmental Commission – Discussed potentially purchasing
    - 1. Green linen tables; instead of utilizing green plastic tablecloths; - Rosanne and Mike will evaluate; Rob will discuss potential project with the Sewing School; Need 18 table clothes – Dark Green – Hunter Green
    - 2. December Buy Local Campaign; - Upgrade the posters
    - 3. Heavy Duty Wooden Easels for Events (Blinks in Paramus); and
    - 4. Printing 8 Acre Woods Maps

**Environmental Commission/Green Team Meeting  
December 10, 2015 at 7:30 pm  
Municipal Building**