

Hawthorne Green Idea Committee Minutes July 20, 2009

Attendees: Rayna Laiosa, Patricia Hutzelman, Sarah Kiefer, Elbrus Kardan

Green Team Purpose

- Making community life sustainable in a way that minimizes environmental harm and depletion of natural resources (vision statement?)
- Framework is based on the Sustainable Jersey certification

Topics Discussed at Meeting

- Eric Maurer, Christina Auger, Lisa Szegedi, and Rayna Laiosa are working together in the development and preparation of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Grant. The grant application is to Develop and Implement Green Fleet in the Borough of Hawthorne. Green Team discussed on how to measure greenhouse gas emissions for implementing an Anti-Idling Campaign. Green team members researched on the website, unable to find the information. Need to further research on the website. The sub-team agreed to have another grant application writing meeting at Rayna's house on June 25, 2009.
- Christina and Rayna informed the group of our involvement with New Jersey Clean Energy grant to obtain an energy audit (Hawthorne will have priority action due to our registration with the Sustainable Jersey program). Progress – almost complete Part 1 of the application
- Christina Auger finalized the Vision Statement. Green Team finalized the Vision Statement. There were no changes made to the Vision Statement.

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
- Team discussed conducting an Energy Lightening Fair at Hawthorne Day in September 26, 2009. Green Team liked the idea. Next Step: Discuss with the Mayor for approval.
 - Elbrus would provide assistance in the review of Hawthorne's Carbon Footprint and transportation data

Next Step: Develop the template/format for the Sustainable Plan short and long term goals

Next Meeting August 17, 2009 at Louis Bay 2nd Library, 7:30pm