



**Environmental Commission  
Minutes  
October 9, 2014**

Call to Order: Rayna Laiosa, Hazel Pinos, Robert Meier, Mary Lou DiMattia  
Guests: Pat MacDonnell and Mary Mahon

- I. Attendance and Acceptance of Environmental Commission Minutes –July 10, 2014  
August 21, 2014, and September 14, 2014  
Motion by: Hazel Pinos, Second by: Robert Meier
- II. Hawthorne Water Reports – August 2014 reports was reviewed and discussed. All water results are fine, below NJDEP water quality standards
- III. Green Team Subcommittee Meeting
  - a. Community Garden
    - i. Community Garden Survey – 8 responses
    - ii. Community Garden Sign – Discussed the sign- Hawthorne Bold and same font as the Green Team logo; Sign will be located in front of the parking lot on the left hand side
    - iii. Community Garden 2015 Update –
      1. 14 of the 15 gardeners will be back in 2015; 1 gardener 4 x 12 will not be returning; some of the 4 x 8 gardeners have been requested an upgrade to the 4 x 12 ; Team decided names will be put in a hat and pulled; the 4 x 8 garden bed will be available. There will be a 2 week open enrollment for the 1 bed. Then it will be picked by a lottery.
      2. Discussed the process of the Deposit of \$25 for the 2014 season. Question raised – can the deposit be rolled over for the gardeners that will be participating in the 2015 season. Pat MacDonnell will reach out to Mary Jean Hewitt to find out answer
    - iv. City Green Dig In Grant – Final Report due October 31, 2014 – Submitted and received positive feedback
  - b. Next Green Team Meeting October 27, 2014 at 7:30 pm**
- IV. Events
  - a. Green Fair – Sunday September 21, 2014 (rain date Sunday October 5, 2014) – 9:00 am to 2:00 pm (set-up 8:00 am and clean-up 2:00 to 2:30 pm) – Everything went well.
  - b. Hawthorne Day – Saturday September 27, 2014; Set-up 10:00 am to 12:00 pm; Event is from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm – Everything went well
- V. Business Cards – Discussed the proposed draft business card that Hazel Pinos designed for the Commission/Green Team
- VI. ANJEC

- a. Environmental Achievement Award –Buy Local Campaigns – Awarded Honorable Mention
  - b. ANJEC Congress Friday October 24, 2014 Raritan Community College – Request Chamber of Commerce members and Environmental Commissioners to attend
- VII. Sustainable Jersey Grant Final Report due October 31, 2014 – Rayna is in the process of preparing the Final Report.
- VIII. 2015 Community Calendar – Submit dates for 2015 Environmental Commission and Green Team meetings and events – Submitted dates to Borough
- IX. Buy Local Campaign – Holiday Season – Chamber of Commerce has upgraded their logo. Waiting for final decision and file to produce the Holiday Season Sign
- X. Holiday Parade – Saturday December 6, 2014 at 10:00 am – Team decided to participate in the Holiday Parade. Hazel Pinos is the lead.
- XI. Zoning Board of Adjustment Report – Discussed and reviewed with Team
- a. 300 Lincoln Avenue LLC Car Wash, former Chet Decker – Environmental Commission will not be preparing comments or testifying at the Hearings as agreed previously. The property will remain as commercial, not residential. Site is under the LSRP program. Next hearing is on Monday **October 20, 2014** at 7:00 pm
  - b. 233 Central Avenue Project – Monday **October 20, 2014** at 7:00 pm
  - c. 204 Wagaraw Road, LLC , Rivergate of Hawthorne, (Block 12, Lot 8 and Block 13.01, Lot 10) Set a hearing date for **November 24, 2014** for the 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. The Applicant proposes a total of 244 residential units, 6,000 square feet of retail and 4,000 square feet of office space in the B3 Zone
- XII. Updates on Issues and Commissioners Concerns, Next Steps
- a. Rain Garden Update – Joe Meltzer mulched the garden; Commissioners will purchase and plant cabbages from the Farmer at the Farmer’s Market; Rayna will send out Rain Garden Plant Layout to Mary Mahon
  - b. Selfie Project – Hazel Pinos – Next Campaign – Holiday Buy Local Program

**Next Meeting November 13, 2014 at 7:30 pm  
Municipal Building**