



Hawthorne Green Team Committee Minutes: July 22, 2013

Attendees: Rayna Laiosa, Rosanne Zagatta, Jack Systma, Karen Young, Hazel Pinos, Paula Tutein, Susie Altier, and Mike Mariani

Green Team Purpose

- Making community life sustainable in a way that minimizes environmental harm and depletion of natural resources
- Framework is based on the Sustainable Jersey Certification

Topics Discussed on 07-22-2013:

- a. Review June's minutes – Approved
- b. Sustainable Jersey Grant Program – Deadline August 4, 2013 – Discussed draft Grant Application submittal
- c. 2013 Projects
 - i. Backyard Composting Website discussion – Paula will work with the Administration – Charlene and Ellen
 - ii. Caring for Conservation Easements – Cindy Frank
 - iii. Lead Education and Outreach Program – Rosanne Zagatta
 - iv. Community Garden – Jack raised concerns about the location of the community garden. The garden is very close to the 9-11 Memorial. Team discussed the pros and cons of the garden. We decided to table the community garden until after the 9-11 Memorial is complete (September 2013).
 - v. Raingarden – Discussed Rain Garden Plant Layout (approximately 38 to 40 plants; 4 to 6 inch pots; good drought resistant plants selected); Team agreed with the proposed native plants; Need to coordinate the logistics of the rain garden materials and the excavation of the area. Rayna will contact Sharon Abood and Joe Meltzer to coordinate the rain garden building and set up a stakeholder meeting. Markout the utilities – responsibility of the Landscaper to excavate the rain garden. Tentatively the weekend of August 17 or August 24, 2013 to build the Rain Garden.
 - vi. Buy Local Campaign – “Where’s Waldo” – Month of July – Encourage Members to support and participate in the Buy Local Campaign.
- d. Green Fair at the Farmer’s Market September 15, 2013 Raindate September 22, 2013
 - i. Time of Event 9 am to 2 pm
 - ii. Men of Horse Band – 10:30 am to 1:30 pm with (2) 15 minute breaks
 - iii. Discuss Potential Vendors
 1. Amy Rowe – Rainbarrel/water conservation booth – Unable to attend the event due to traveling.
 2. Elaine Bloomingdale Planner – native plants - Pat will reach out to Elaine
 3. Passaic County Open Space Kathleen from EPA Green Streets Meeting – Karen will reach out to Kathleen.

4. Recycling division - Ellen: Potential survey questions - Why is recycling down?; Possible selling recycling containers to participants.
 5. Ed Schwartz Green Living – Mike will contact Ed.
 6. Well Read Bookstore – booth and author speaking – Rayna will contact Bill.
 7. Shotmeyer Bros Fuel Co./Solar Company – Rayna will contact Chuck.
 8. Composting Demonstration – Mary Mahon
 9. Hawthorne Garden Club – Pat Hutzelman
 10. Porous Material table – Karen Young
 11. Flo’s Market – Confirmed
 12. Bourdon BBQ Restaurant – Karen Young will contact the owners.
 13. Habitat for Humanity – Reuse Store – Hazel – Confirmed
 14. Goffle Brook Farm – Pat to contact Donna
 15. Passaic County 4-H Club – Karen will contact the County
 16. Rocky’s Pet Pantry – Rayna will contact Dee - Confirmed
 17. Knead-U-Need – Paula will contact Sam
 18. Seimei Foundation – Paula will contact owners
 19. Raingarden Demonstration – “Hawthorne Library”
 20. NJ Clean Energy Program – Promote programs – Hazel will put together a display poster on the Energy Programs
 21. Hawthorne Nissan – Electric Car – Karen Young
 22. Green Team/Environmental Commission Booth – Interest in Community Garden – Sign-in Sheet (tabled the issue – see above section c iv) and Rain Barrel Workshop Sign up
 23. Electric Bicycle – Volvo – Mike Mariani will contact them.
 24. Pandora Healing – Paula will contact the owners
 25. Food Bank – “New Hope” – Hazel will contact the Food Bank.
- iv. Tables and Chairs for event – Bob Maggio – St. Anthony’s Church; Back-up – Hawthorne Board of Recreation (Charlene - tables) and Boys & Girls Club (John – chairs)
- v. Press Release – include a statement about “bring blanket/chair for Green Fair”
- e. Hawthorne Day – Saturday October 5, 2013- Need volunteers to work the event
- f. Open Discussions: None

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

Next Meeting: August 26, 2013 at 7:30 pm