

**BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST  
GREEN TEAM  
Meeting Minutes – November 25 2020**

Chairman Sam Wilson called the Borough of Wildwood Crest Green Team to order at 1 pm. on November 25 via Zoom.

Chairman Wilson read the “Sunshine Act” and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sam Wilson, Darleen Devlin, Mary Celebre, Joe Franco, Angel Daniels, Sara Steiner, William Cordiero, Colleen Archer were in attendance. In addition Borough Administrator, Constance Mahon, was in attendance. Vicky Elia-Giron was not present. A quorum was declared.

The minutes of the meeting on October 28 were approved on motion of Chairperson Wilson, second by Mary Celebre and Darleen Devlin including a unanimous voice vote of members eligible to vote.

Under correspondence, Chair Wilson discussed the email from Constance Mahon regarding Ralph Cooper from Sustainable Jersey. The email basically highlighted the fact that Mr. Cooper is a valuable resource within Sustainable Jersey and the Green Team might benefit from reaching out to him for guidance with the SJ Matrix. A future webinar hosted by Sustainable Jersey was discussed and it is open to all GT members.

Discussion began with old business and the Green Team’s renewed dedication to the fulfillment of the Sustainable Jersey Matrix. Chairperson Wilson mentioned his meeting with Borough Administrator Constance Mahon and GT Secretary Archer and the breakdown of tasks on the SJ Matrix. He is hoping by accomplishing the tasks it will gain the Borough of Wildwood Crest a “Bronze” status by end of 2021, which will enable the Borough to apply for grants. Member Daniels said that contacting Mr. Cooper will help the process. Member Franco stated he will join the SJ Matrix webinar on 12/1. Member Steiner says her and Member Franco’s participation in CMFP gave them sixty credits (can be included in the matrix). Ms. Steiner also said that she will be presenting the annual accomplishment report in February. Chairperson Wilson rounded out the conversation by stating, the GT will be uploading the “Authenticating” report onto the Matrix web site by May of 2021. The Chair finished by re-stating he hopes to have all goals accomplished by end of 2021. The conversation then continued regarding the Borough Commissioners’ request for recommendations by the Green Team and Bamboo in the community. Chairperson Wilson requested a motion to be made about the Bamboo, Member Devlin made such motion and Member Daniels second. A letter will be drafted and submitted to the Borough Commissioners at their next meeting on December 9 2020 at 9:30am. The GT position is recommending that Bamboo be banned in the Borough except for potted containers and clumping bamboo. Amendment #1: Potted bamboo can

stand alone and rise-up to ten feet above ground. It does not need approval to plant. Amendment #2: Clumping bamboo is non-invasive and does not spread. Chair Wilson requested a vote of the GT members. All were in favor of the recommendation plus amendments #1 and #2. Finally, Chairperson Wilson wanted to know from Administrator Mahon if the GT is required to have seven or nine members. Member Devlin wanted to know if we could stay at seven and add two later. Member Daniels thinks nine is a good number. Chair Wilson wants to keep membership at seven. Ms. Mahon suggested to keep the current seven members and leave space for two more to be added later. She also stated the importance of having a 75% attendance record be "standard"

Under new business, the Chair asked Administrator Mahon if the Green Team is "active" in the eyes of the Borough. She responded yes. Chairperson Wilson publicly thanked Member Steiner for all her hard work. Chair Wilson recommended three classes/dates for GT membership over a three-year period. Member Devlin and Member Celebre concurred. Chairperson Wilson continued with his recommending to Mayor Cabrera that the GT have a "sub-committee" called "Borough Arts and Culture". Ms Mahon said that it can contribute in a huge way to attaining Open Spaces funding. Chairperson Wilson suggested Members: Devlin, Celebre, Daniels and Franco. All were in favor and suggest meetings to be held at Member Daniels home. Member Franco is planning to present his "Crafts in the Crest" weekend. This is anticipated to bring art classes at a reasonable rate. Ms. Mahon would like an Art Teacher from Crest Memorial to be included. Member Steiner agreed.

Under Public Comment, Borough Administrator Mahon wanted to wish all a Happy Thanksgiving and is pleased with all the hard work done by the Green Team.

Member Devlin spoke asking all members if they could change the meeting time for December. She made a motion. Member Celebre second. All team members were in favor.

The Team will meet on Wednesday, December 16 at 1 p.m. via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned on motion of Chairman Wilson, second by Member Devlin with a unanimous voice vote at 2 p.m.

Colleen Archer  
Secretary