

**BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST
GREEN TEAM
Meeting Minutes – 26 May 2021**

I. Call to Order. Chairman Sam Wilson called the Borough of Wildwood Crest Green Team to order at 1 pm. on May 26, 2021 at Borough Hall. Chairman Wilson read the “Sunshine Act” and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Attendance. Members Mary Celebre, Patricia MacQueen, Angel Daniels, Joe Franco, DPW Liaison Sarah Steiner, Secretary Colleen Archer and Chairperson Sam Wilson were in attendance. Co-Chair Devlin was not present. A quorum was declared. Special guests in attendance were Borough Commissioner Joyce Gould and Borough Administrator Constance Mahon.

III. Minutes. The minutes of the meeting 28 April were approved on motion of Member Mary Celebre, second by Member Patty MacQueen and a unanimous voice vote of members eligible to vote.

IV. Correspondence. Under correspondence, nothing was received since the previous meeting.

V. Old Business.

A. Borough Administrator, Constance Mahon, spoke regarding the SJ EDF Intern Status and MPE Status. She reported that the Borough Advisory Committee had completed its final draft of the Borough’s “vision statement.” This statement will be reviewed by state/regional planning authorities and returned with any comments or requested changes. The Plan Endorsement Process—informed by this finalized “vision statement,” will begin in the fall. In throughout this process, the Green Team will have an opportunity to place its “asks” for funding regarding team goals and objectives for the borough. An example of asks in the vision statement are the dredging of Sunset Lake to help change the flow and widen the channel; elongate the WWC Fishing Pier on the beach; and help with the conversion of the old WWC library as a “green building” exemplar.

B. Ms. Mahon continued to update the team regarding the award of a Environmental Defense Fund Corp graduate “Fellow” who will begin in June for ten weeks to assist in achieving Sustainable Jersey goals for efficiencies and reduced energy costs, and conversion to renewable energy sources. A workable idea for SJ review and accreditation are the “Energy Star” program, e.g., whereby the borough can apply for a grant or vendor to purchase electric vehicles for its Fire Prevention inspector or its Construction Department use. Member Franco said he knows a vendor for electric “charging stations” who can

provide information to bring the Borough closer to achieving an important renewable, alternative energy technology and sources. Chairperson Wilson expressed appreciation for Ms. Mahon's hard work on the borough's Master Plan Vision Statement and the WWC gaining the award for the assistance of the EDF Corps "fellow" for his energy data collection and analysis work this summer.

- C. The meeting continued with Secretary Archer stating that the May collection of plastics was 41.26 lbs, bringing the current total to 150.03. Borough will be looking into adding two more drop off points for plastics, bringing the total to five as before. Member Celebre wanted to remind all that "non" food type of plastic is what we are collecting.
- D. DPW Liaison Steiner reported on the success of Arbor Day event with over 1000 seedlings being handed out to Crest Memorial students.
- E. Meeting continued with Member Celebre reading a letter from Mayor Don Cabrera saying he likes the idea of the Preston Park initiative, but it needs to move in an orderly fashion.
- F. Member Celebre also handed Secretary Archer *Blue Flag Program* information packets to be passed on to Mayor Cabrera and Borough Administrator Constance Mahon. She said that the program is worthy of consideration as it would really help "brand" the WWC beaches as "world class."
- G. Member Franco reported he is working out the logistics of the Creative Arts Council for the Borough.
- H. Member MacQueen reviewed the status of SJ Task Matrix. She suggested that the team work together on the task list, one or two items at a time, as a group, beginning with its next meeting. Every one agreed.

VI. New Business.

- A. Chairperson Wilson brought up a "duty roster" concept for each member to take turns responding to any NJ Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Land Use, regarding the latter's construction permit request review letters periodically sent out to the WWC for environmental comment by the Green Team on behalf of the borough. This was a task routinely taken up by the old WWC Environmental Commission. Chairman Wilson asked Secretary Archer to keep a rotating list or "duty roster," so that each member has a turn at coordinating responses to such letter requests, unless there was objections by team members. He explained that he recently did two of them and that they were important responses but not arduous to research and prepare. There were no objections.

B. Chairperson Wilson continued by asking GT members to keep an eye on the WWC beaches this summer, so as to be able raise awareness to any concerns regarding the environment, quality of beach visitor experience, and appropriate ordinance compliance by visitors and tourists. He referred to the issues that arose last season and suggested the team could function as “passive” eyes and ears in a more systematic way as opposed to the “by chance” observations reported last year. DPW Liaison Steiner reminded everyone that “Love Blue” has placed signs regarding littering awareness.

C. Chairman Wilson asked the members to submit any recommendations for a possible additional member to the team.

VII. Other. The team welcomed Borough Commissioner, Joyce Gould to the meeting and discussed the possibility with her of placing “Sustainable Jersey” pledges for Wildwood Crest resident responses via mail, or by deposit them at suitable government drop off locations around town. She said she would look into it for the team.

VIII. Public Comment. There was none.

IX. Next Meeting. The Team will meet on June 23 2021 at 1 p.m. at Borough Hall.

X. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned on motion of Member Celebre and seconded by Member Steiner at 2 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Archer
Secretary