

**BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST
GREEN TEAM
Meeting Minutes – 23 June 2021**

I. Call to Order. Chairman Sam Wilson called the Borough of Wildwood Crest Green Team to order at 1 pm. on June 23 at Borough Hall. Chairman Wilson read the “Sunshine Act” and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Attendance. Co-Chair Devlin (via teleconference), Members: Mary Celebre, Angel Daniels, Joe Franco, DPW Liaison Sarah Steiner, Secretary Colleen Archer and Chairperson Sam Wilson were in attendance. Member MacQueen was not present. A quorum was declared. Special guest in attendance was Borough Administrator Constance Mahon.

III. Minutes. The minutes of the meeting May 26, 2021, were approved on motion of Member Mary Celebre, second by Member Joe Franco and a unanimous voice vote of members eligible to vote.

IV. Correspondence. None.

V. Old business.

A. Borough Administrator, Constance Mahon, spoke regarding the online bi-weekly meeting with the Sustainable Jersey EDF Intern, “Aldrin,” from the University of Rochester. He is working on the Sustainable Jersey Energy Star and South Jersey Gas programs for the borough. Ms. Mahon stated she is looking into having solar panels placed on the old Library building as pending response to the study. She continued her discussion stating that the Citizens Advisory Committee self-assessment report was headed towards a reading at the next Commissioners meeting, and then on to Trenton where the Borough will be given 45 to 60 days to address whatever the State deems the Borough may need to complete its pending master plan endorsement.

B. Ms. Mahon also stated that she had reached out to The Wetlands Institute regarding the Preston Park “Environmental Engagement Grant” initiative. The Wetlands Institute will be helping the Green Team to develop nature signage about the indigenous Diamond Back tortoise at Preston Park. Chairperson Wilson and Member MacQueen planned to meet with Administrator Mahon to work on the grant, which is due June 30th. All Green Team members thanked Ms. Mahon for her hard work and efforts on the borough’s Master Plan update and her assistance to the Green Team regarding several Sustainable Jersey initiatives, including the Preston Park grant request initiative.

C. Member Celebre spoke of the pilot status Blue Flag Program in the US. She had had basic Blue Flag information handouts delivered to Mayor Cabrera, Chair Wilson and Administrator Mahon. Member Celebre continued by reporting that No Smoking signs were being placed at certain entrances to Borough Beaches and on the back of life-guard stands re the recent ban on beach smoking.

D. In Member MacQueen's absence, Chairperson Wilson mentioned that one or two projects a month will be discussed regarding accomplishing targeted tasks on the Sustainable Jersey Major and Supporting Tasks Matrix. This is to enable the borough to reach the objective of Sustainable Jersey Bronze Medal community status in an orderly fashion.

E. Secretary Archer was asked to research into "Recycled" Binders for team member use.

F. Member Franco stated that the initial meeting of the Creative Arts Council will be Tuesday July 6, at 4 pm at Borough Hall.

G. DPW Liaison Steiner asked if anyone on the team would like to participate in the Community Forest Management Plan (CMFP) RFP (with initial grant offering of \$50 K, to send her their resume by July 11. She is working on keeping the Borough compliant with its approved 5-year plan. Members Devlin, Celebre and Franco expressed interest in addition to the Chairperson Wilson. In moving forward with the CMFP RFP, the Borough could receive the award of \$50k towards planning and an additional \$100K for execution, once the plan is finished. Environmental Consultant, Peter Lomax will guide the correct usage of funds as we create a Shade Tree Commission and work towards an official "Ordinance."

H. Secretary Archer then gave the May total for plastic collections as 184.76. Chairperson Wilson asked the secretary to begin a Duty Roster as environmental snail mail comes in for the team, so each member can participate with giving periodic environmental inspection input to the state Environmental Protection Division.

VI. New Business.

A. Chairperson Wilson introduced a suggestion that the Borough begin using recycled paper in house, as this is a Sustainable Jersey program initiative. Secretary Archer will follow up with Municipal Clerk, Patricia Feketics. This item will be placed as "New Business" at the next meeting.

B. Chair Wilson handed out an article from Commissioner Gould about the awareness of "Wind Mill Farms" off of the Atlantic County coast. Ms. Mahon will be emailing the team relevant information about the issue as it is considered "Green Energy," but raises energy bills. She further suggested asking the company to

come and speak to the Green Team in person and discuss issues with NJ DEP and the Army Corps of Engineers.

C. Chairman Wilson also introduced an initiative to solicit borough residents to taking the “Green Pledge.” The pledge is a good faith commitment to follow an elementary checklist of household activities that will help renew, sustain, or conserve resources. Its purpose is to raise environmental awareness by having at least a 2.5% commitment response.

VII. Public Comment. None.

VIII. Next Meeting. The Team will meet on July 28 2021 at 1 p.m. at Borough Hall.

IX. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Archer
Secretary