

**BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST
GREEN TEAM
Meeting Minutes – 24 March 2021**

I. Call to Order. Chairman Sam Wilson called the Borough of Wildwood Crest Green Team to order at 1 pm. on 24 March via zoom.

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

III. Attendance. Co-Chair Darleen Devlin, Mary Celebre, Patricia MacQueen, Sarah Steiner, Colleen Archer and Chairperson Sam Wilson were in attendance. A quorum was declared. Member Angel Daniels and Member Joe Franco were not present.

IV. Minutes. The minutes of the meeting, 24 February 2021, were approved on motion of Member Devlin, second by Member Celebre and unanimous voice vote of members eligible to vote.

V. Correspondence. Under correspondence, the Secretary said recent correspondence had been sent to the Chairperson via USPS. Chairperson Wilson noted that the mail was addressed to the “Environmental Commission.” He said he will check with Borough Administrator Constance Mahon to clarify the “overlap” in mission of the former Environmental Commission and the current Green Time. Member Devlin said to also check on how we are supposed to follow through on the correspondence.

VI. Old Business.

A. Plastics Recycling Program. Secretary Archer reported that the team had collected enough recyclable plastics by the end of February of 2021, to receive another TREX bench. The location and the color choices of the bench were discussed with the final decision to be made by the Commissioners.

B. Arbor Day Plans. DPW member Steiner confirmed all information regarding the upcoming Arbor Day event for the Borough on Thursday April 22 (including seedlings, reusable bags and gators). Chairperson Wilson added it would be a great program to advertise on the Borough Web Site until the Green Team gets its own page. All agreed for the team to reach out to Public Information Officer, Brian Cunniff for his assistance in putting out Green Team information. Member Steiner said once the GT page is up and running it would be an opportunity to have a “Good Green News” section to update each month.

C. UCFP Core “Tree” Training. Chairperson Wilson commented on how much he has enjoyed his online training from Rutgers. He will speak with Administrator Mahon about whether a “Shade Tree Commission” would benefit the Borough or if the Green Team replaces its function.

D. Preston Avenue Memorial Garden. Members Devlin and Celebre discussed this project, saying they have the current survey and will send it to each member. All plans lead to a three-phase project with the money coming from the Public Works budget.

E. Creative Arts Council. The Arts and Culture Sub-Committee will remain on the Agenda for April as Member Franco was absent.

F. Sustainable Jersey (SJ) “Low Hanging Fruit” Tasks Matrix. Secretary Archer commented that she was waiting for more updates regarding the SJ Matrix and will forward all information to Member MacQueen.

VII. New Business.

A. Wellness Fair. Secretary Archer said the upcoming Wellness Fair is supposed to be Thursday June 17 9 am to 2 pm. Chairperson Wilson asked Secretary Archer to take the planning lead and coordinate team efforts for that day.

B. Green Team “Hub” Meeting. Chair Wilson stated that he attended the online Green Team meeting for Upper Township. Of particular benefit was securing a copy of the UT’s successful SJ application for Bronze Medal recognition for the team to study and consult as a successful example. He thinks our Green Team should liaison with other town’s Green Teams for the purpose of sharing ideas.

C. New GT Member. Chairperson Wilson then welcomed newly appointed team member, Patricia MacQueen. Member MacQueen said she is happy to be a volunteer. She assumes duties as the Sustainable Jersey (SJ) coordinator for the team. She will provide the team a “template” for SJ task submissions, once she can access the borough’s online SJ profile.

D. Blue Flag Program. Member Celebre continued discussion regarding “Blue Flag” Program. Ms Mercer of Blue Flag will have information for the Green Team come fall of 2021.

E. Other Items. Chairperson Wilson asked that new business, including items such as a proposed Green Team Summer Beach Monitoring routine and updates on the “Master Plan Endorsement” progress be placed on the April agenda.

VIII. Public Comment. There was no public comment.

IX. Next Meeting. The Team will meet on April 28, 2021 at 1 p.m. via Zoom.

X. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned on motion of Co-Chair Devlin, second by Member Celebre and unanimous voice vote at 2 p.m.

Colleen Archer
Secretary