

**BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST
GREEN TEAM
Meeting Minutes – December 16, 2021
Borough Hall, 6101 Pacific Avenue**

I. Chairperson Sam Wilson called the Borough of Wildwood Crest Green Team to order at 1 pm. on 16 December via zoom.

II. Chair Wilson read the “Open Public Meetings Act” and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Chairperson Sam Wilson, Co-chair Darleen Devlin, Mary Celebre, Joe Franco, DPW Sarah Steiner, and Secretary Colleen Archer were in attendance. Angel Daniels was not in attendance. A quorum was declared.

IV. **Minutes.** The minutes of the November meeting were approved on motion of Co-Chair Devlin, second by Member Franco and unanimous voice vote of members eligible to vote.

V. **Correspondence.** The Secretary shared the mail from ANJEC. Discussion lead to tabling any action considering joining the ANJEC.

VI. Old business.

A. Discussion began regarding Sustainable NJ that all info will be given to Angel as she is the GT appointed “user” for the web site.

B. Chairperson Wilson stated that the SJ-hosted Renewable Energy Webinar he attended was very useful.

C. Chairperson Wilson stated that he would like to consider creating a Wildwood Crest Green Team Web Site with a possible link from the Crest Web Site. He stated that things have slowed up because of Co-Vid and suggested putting the discussion up till spring. Member Devlin agreed.

D. Chair Wilson continued discussion addressing the GT Bamboo Ordinance Recommendation, stating that the Commissioners and Borough Solicitor, Ron Gelzeunas, were very pleased with the outcome.

E. Co-chair Darleen Devlin, updated the process of the Memorial Garden, saying she is working closely with Borough Engineer Marc DiBlasio and Mayor Cabrera. They are hoping to complete within a year and will take three phases.

F. DPW Liaison, Sarah Steiner reported that more classes are needed for the CFMP grant. She and Member Franco have attended meetings/classes and seminars. Rutgers will be adding more related classes come late Spring 2021 and once they are complete, the Green Team will be able to go for the Grant. Member Steiner recommended the classes to be open to all GT members. Chair Wilson, Co-Chair Devlin Members Celebre and Franco wish to take classes.

G. Finally, Chairman Wilson, submitted for request regarding the re-certification of the Green Team that there should be a new time line of membership so a possible nine member team will rotate with term limits.

VII. New Business.

A. Member Celebre discussed the “Blue Flag” program of environmental excellence. Organization Director, Annie Mercer is the contact which helps work/create and manage safe environmental

concerns for our Borough. The “Blue Flag” program is successful in California, Texas, Hawaii, North Carolina and Louisiana. The application is due by September of 2021 with a cost of three hundred dollars up to five hundred feet. Chair Wilson said with the considerable cost to the borough, the issue should be put on the January agenda to discuss and then invite Borough Administrator Constance Mahon to the February 2021 GT meeting. Member Devlin concurred and did bring up the fact that CMC already does ocean testing.

B. Chairperson Wilson said to table the borough Arts Council Initiative due to Co-Vid and upcoming holiday season.

VIII. Other.

A. Chairperson Wilson said that December is the annual time to discuss team chairperson appointments for the upcoming calendar year. He asked the team to consider possibility of a new Chairperson for the Green Team. Members Devlin and Celebre asked him to stay in his current role. The Chair then asked if Co-Chair Devlin wished to stay in her position. The entire Green Team unanimously agreed to have both remain in their positive roles.

B. The Team agreed to maintain effort to ban smoking entirely from our beach and public spaces.

VIII. Public Comment. No members of the public spoke.

IX. Next Meeting. The Team will meet on 27 January 2021 at 1pm via Zoom.

X. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned on motion of Co-Chair Devlin and seconded by Member Celebre and unanimous voice vote at 2 p.m.

Colleen Archer
Secretary