

**BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST
GREEN TEAM
Meeting Minutes – February 23, 2022
Borough Hall, 6101 Pacific Avenue**

Chairperson Sam Wilson called the Borough of Wildwood Crest Green Team to order at 1 pm.

Chairperson Wilson read the "Sunshine Act" and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Sam Wilson, Co-Chair Darleen Devlin (via Zoom), Patti MacQueen, AJ Caruso (via Zoom), Bob Deissroth & Secretary Archer were in attendance. Commissioners Joe Franco & Joe Schiff (via telephone) and Lifeguard Captain Buddy Johnson (via Zoom) were in attendance. Special Guest Annie Mercer from Blue Flag International attended via Zoom.

The minutes of the January 26th meeting were approved on motion of Member MacQueen, second by Member Diessroth and unanimous voice vote of members eligible to vote.

Under correspondence, the Secretary said there were no postal or email deliveries.

Meeting began with a special presentation from Annie Mercer & Brad Pickel regarding the Blue Flag program. Miss Mercer is the National Program Director for "Blue Flag" and was originally presented to the Green Team via Member Celebre. The program is approved internationally, as well, by the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association. Blue Flag has a coastal research agenda and would like the Borough to become a member and fly the flag at the Rambler Road Beach. The program has many beach-management benefits as long as the Borough maintains the criteria which in brief address: further water testing, environment, safety, beach goer services, education & outreach. The program can positively create more tourism for the Borough. Steps to be taken include placing an application by December of 2022 before a National Jury. Blue Flag will advise the Borough of their standing by April of 2023. The cost is five hundred dollars for a three-year period. Chair Wilson finished the conversation by recommending attendance to the Blue Flag workshop for Member Celebre.

Under old business, Secretary Archer said the current recycled bags number is 75.84 pounds. Chairperson Wilson continued by stating the Borough Administrator made the deadline of February 15 for the CFMP application. Commissioner Franco said he is working on the EVSE status. Member Patti Mac Queen let everyone know the community had a favorable reaction to the Balloon Ordinance that was passed on February 2. Chairperson Wilson asked that the Borough MPE be placed on the March agenda. Co-Chair Devlin and Member Deissroth advised everyone of their sub-committee meeting regarding turtles. They will be asking the team to present to the governing body a request for signage and a possible blinking light at high turtle crossing zones within the borough. Member Caruso said there will be a beach clean-up on Saturday February 26 with students from Stockton and Rowan. Member MacQueen let the team know she will be reaching out to Public Works Supervisor Joe Bond about the Borough paper shredding day. She said that is one more item to add points onto the SJ Matrix application. Chair Wilson plans to meet with CFO Francine Springer regarding GT pledge demographics which will create more points for the SJ Matrix as well. Commissioner Franco presented the recycled bag which will be hand-outs at future events. Each reusable bag was made from one plastic bottle. Under new business, dates were announced by Secretary Archer for Wellness Fair (Thursday June 16), Create in the Crest (Saturday June 18) and Seafarers Festival (Saturday September 24). There was no public comment.

The Team will meet on March 23, 2022 at 1 p.m.

Meeting adjourned on motion of Member MacQueen, second by Member Deissroth and unanimous voice vote at 2 p.m.