

WWC Green Team

Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2021

I. Call to Order. Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at Borough Hall at 1:00PM. He read the Open Public Meeting Act, 1975, lead the pledge of allegiance, and pointed out the emergency exits.

II. Roll call: Attending: Mr. Wilson, Ms. Devlin, Mr. Franco, Ms. McQueen, Ms. Celebre and Ms. Stein (present by phone). **Absent:** Ms. Daniels, Admin Mahon, Mr. Caruso, and Secretary Archer were absent. Also attending was Commissioner Gould and Mr. Peter Lomax, borough forestry consultant.

III. Minutes. The minutes from the October 2021 meeting were motioned by Ms. McQueen, seconded by Mr. Franco and unanimously approved.

IV. Correspondence. None.

V. Guest Presenter.

Mr. Joe Catrambone was introduced. Mr. Catrambone informed us that in 2022 the single use/non-recyclable bags will be banned. His father is the owner of a local company that makes the bags he has brought today. The company represented by Mr. Catrambone is a wholesaler of re-useable bags that are provided to area businesses for 17 years. (Stone Harbor, Avalon and Somers Point all took self-action to ban bags in their communities rather than waiting until 2022.) These bags are good for more than 125 uses and businesses can sell them, customize them with logos, photos and addresses. The price per unit of bags for purchase starts at \$.41 and goes to \$1.20 with a normal minimum purchase of 5,000, due to the size of the pallet. A smaller order would increase the price, accordingly. Ms. McQueen asked if they were **made from** recyclable materials to which the reply was they are not, however, they are **recyclable**. The price of a bag being constructed **from recyclable materials** would double the purchase price. Mr. Wilson asked about the weight this bag could handle to which the response was 25 lbs. Mr. Lomax asked the turn around time. Mr. Catrambone stated that a November order would be received in April. Mr. Wilson suggested that Mr. Catrambone seek out Ms. Daniels in order to present this product to the Chamber of Commerce for the business community to see.

VI. Old Business.

A. Community Forestry Management Plan (CFMP). Mr. Lomax was introduced and discussed Community Landscape Acceptable Vegetation and Dune Vegetation recommended lists with the team to recommend to the Board of Commissioners and to utilize them with the CMFP objectives and tasks for 2021-2022. Mr. Lomax pointed out that five different goals or objectives of the WWC CFMP would be met, thereby. Mrs. Gould asked if the prickly pear could be transplanted and Mr. Lomax stated that it could and that these lists are not exclusive in all cases. However, the borough should adhere to these lists for most future landscaping projects, agencies so guided include the Planning Board, the Land Use office, DPW. If another form of vegetation is requested (such as the Prickly Pear), testimony should be provided to support their exception. Mr. Wilson suggested that vegetation survivability should be a priority on the island. After all discussion, Mr. Wilson proposed that the two lists be recommended to the Commissioners and made available to the public. Ms. Devlin motioned, Ms. McQueen seconded. The

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motion to recommend the lists to the Board of Commissioners passed unanimously. Mr. Wilson stated that he would forward the recommendation to the borough clerk.

B. Balloon Ordinance and Preston Park Recommendations. Mr. Wilson stated that the balloon and Preston Park renditions will be recommended to the Board of Commissioners at their next meeting of Nov 24. Preston Park also received a Sustainable Jersey grant for the educational kiosk the design for which is being coordinated by Ms. Mahon.

C. Love Blue Program. Ms. Celebre stated that Love Blue Program—an international standards program to enhance safety, environmental use, and public enjoyment of public beaches is still undergoing national trial use. Plans to implement the program on a trial portion of the WWC beach is moving along nicely at this point.

D. Electronic Vehicle Material Support. Mr. Wilson stated that he was not satisfied with the electric vehicle presentation made at the last meeting. He added that there was not enough information presented to make a recommendation to the commissioners. Ms Mahon is at the NJ League of Municipalities Conference, looking for other EV vendors. She will report what she learns to the team.

E. Creative Arts Council. Ms. McQueen informed the team that the Arts Council’s “Create in the Crest” festival will debut on Father’s Day, 2022. The council currently is looking for vendors. Mr. Wilson asked her to reach out to his wife who likes providing art lessons to children. Perhaps this would be a suitable venue?

F. Sustainable Jersey Task Assignments. Ms. McQueen is still awaiting the Sustainable Jersey Tasks lists to be completed. In response, Mr. Wilson told the team that he feels the need to decide whether to stay on as Chairperson of the team or to turn and focus on writing up the Sustainable Jersey program tasks. The latter has to be done before June 2022. He added, “We really need to accomplish these Sustainable Jersey project write ups, so that the borough becomes eligible for the grant opportunities to help resources worthy projects. If we love a place, we need to contribute to it, to maintain it, to conserve it, and to not think of just the present, but of future generations, too. This is a critical time to accomplish important Sustainability, Conservation, and Equity objectives for the future of our community.”

VII. New Business.

A. Team Annual Reorganization. There are three positions on the nine-person team that are up for appointment or reappointment filling for the Class of 2022. Also, team leaders need to be elected. This will be on the December 2021 meeting agenda.

B. PIO Coordination. The borough’s PIO, Brian Cuniff, will need a list of the team’s 2022 meeting dates prior to December 22, 2021. Also, the Green Team website needs a lot of work. Mr Wilson will coordinate with Brian.

C. Filing System. Mr. Wilson has started a filing system of the records and references important to the team’s reference and work. It is a work in progress.

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D. Love Blue. Ms. Celebre told the board that the *Love Blue* project will be doing a beach sweep on 11/20/2021 at Rambler Rd starting at 3:15 p.m. There will be food trucks on site during the clean up operation.

VIII. Public Comment. None.

IX. Next Meeting. The next meeting is scheduled, in person, on December 22, 2021, at 1 p.m. in Borough Hall.

X. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darleen Devlin (for the Green Team Secretary)