



Minutes: Regular Monthly Meeting
April 7, 2014
Hammonton Town Hall – 7:00 PM

➤ **Attendees:**

GC Members:

Susan Coan	Gina DiMeglio	Nancy Fonte	Lisa Puentes
Amy Menzel	Nick Berenato	Edwin Negroni	
Sara Verillo	Dan Bachalis	Gina DeMiglio	

GC Friends: Barbara Neary, Linda Esposito Nick Fasola

Minutes Review and Approval: Approved March Minutes

Old Business:

Website Discussion - Sara led discussion on improvement to the website and creation of Google Docs – Kerri emailed links to everyone to familiarize us with it. All are encouraged to use Google Docs to house, review and modify documents. Great storage and review tool instead of email/hardcopies.

EOF&L Series - Amy and Nancy reported that we are working on the May 31st event. Film will consist of 3 TED Talks on gardening in support of the theater's new native landscape. Nancy has set the time for 6:30 pm for the screening and Master Gardener presentations at the Eagle Theater.

Plus, Event on April 23rd at Kramer Hall: In a related matter, Hammonton GC will partner with Go Green Galloway to screen Fierce Green Fire – Wednesday 4/23 at Kramer Hall at 7pm. Amy and Nancy will work with Channel 9 to get an add in; plus partner with Galloway to get a news release out.

Next Up for EOF&L :

- **June 21-** *Fresh* will be screened at the Eagle Theater at 7pm; Nancy will secure a speaker from the Downtown Market
- **Nov – at Kramer Hall** – Cinemability with discussion by Stockton Professor Lydia Fecteau ; also suggested that we have a representative from Town of Hammonton who will also be on hand to discuss accessibility in town. Dan will firm up Hammonton speaker which might be him!

Master Gardener – planting of the Eagle Theater front yard on May 24th

Third Thursday's: The Green Committee has committed to host a table in support of Third Thursdays: events run from 6-9 pm

April 17th – Garden Party Theme - (compost, garden for wildlife, organic gardening)
need volunteers, so far: Lisa, Susan, Gina, Amy and Linda
Susan will create flyer and sign-up for the April 17th event to assess local interest in Community Garden

May 15th – Retro Theme – need volunteers and ideas to tie into the theme

Boutique Week – Wrap up event Sat. April 26: 11 - 2 pm “T2Bag” make reusable bags from T-shirts

- Need Volunteers to staff for few hours: Lisa, Nick, Gina, Sara, Amy
- Need to Collect T-shirts; Amy will create Flyer to solicit shirts; Ideas to solicit: Mothers Club, Canoe Club. Gina will ask her students.

Earth Day at ACUA on April 27th – 10 am to 4pm;

- Volunteers: Early: Nancy, Susan; Later Shift: Nick, Sara, Gina
- Supplies: Susan will provide bold colored markers, table cloth, Computer and Display, Amy will bring white board on easel

Bike Rack Update: Dan B. reported that local fabricators in Hammonton are very busy to do the work; Edwin shared that he knows someone who is a welder and that he would need specs to see if he can do it; would need someone else to do the powder coating.

Quantity: ideally, 20 units; limited by \$5,000 budget of Rotary

Timing: Dan reported the committee would like to have the racks done by the end of June in time for the Triathlon set for June 29 (also the date of the Blueberry Festival)

Gina can inquire with a friend at Fazio's who may be able to fabricate and will work with Edwin on this.

Sustainable Jersey Recertification - Amy has set regular meeting on the 3rd Monday of every month - at her home at 7pm

Green Day - 4th Monday of every Month at Susan's at 7pm

Community Garden - Amy reported that we did not get the grants we applied for; but we should continue to develop a plan; consensus of the group is to hold off active planning until after the busy summer season.

Donated Trees - Hammonton received 1,000 bare root seedlings of 5 native varieties from the DEP State Forestry Service;

How to distribute: bundle up one of each to distribute; Give them out at 3rd Thursday and Fierce Green Fire screening. This effort will help Hammonton's Environmental Commission with the long term goal to increase our tree canopy.

How to prepare: Amy suggested that we get volunteers from the Hammonton Green Earth to volunteer to bundle them; Amy will reach out to Ryan

Downtown Market - need people to volunteer- ideally 2x this summer to work our Booth. Amy circulated a sign-up sheet; each week we will pick a different issue or event to promote in an interactive way with the market visitors.

Marketing and Communications Materials - Amy encouraged us to start thinking about materials that we need to refresh; sign-up sheets; flyers; signage etc. Sara will start planning a new brochure, business cards, etc.

Green Drinks – Dan will reach out to Barbara Feidler to plan another event; Tentative – Rocco's , late April or May.

Activities in Schools: Edwin asked how engaged are we with the schools? He reported that the teachers are confused about what ACUA is accepting as recyclable goods since they are responsible for sorting in the classroom with the students. Amy offered to help with additional resources. Amy emphasized that in order to be successful each school needs several champions from the top down to get behind the program.

Next meeting: Monday, May 5, 2014, 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall, 3rd Floor Conference room