



Minutes August 4, 2014 - Monthly Meeting Hammonton Town Hall

Green Committee Members:

Nick Berenato Susan Coan Gina DiMeglio Ryan Entress Nancy Fonte
 Amy Menzel Edwin Negroni Kerri Patton Lisa Puentes Sara Verrillo

Friends of the Green Committee: Nancy Esposito, Barbara Bachalis, Enrique Lago

Hammonton Council Rep: Dan Bachalis,

Introductions: given large attendance with some new and returning faces, we did round-robin introductions.

Old Business:

1. Googledocs site and website are all up to date with our key materials. Thanks Sara!
2. Amy provided an update on the 2014-15 Eye Opening Film and Lecture Series:
 - a. Next Event: Nov 19th at 6:30 at Kramer Hall: Cinemability, Professor Lydia Fecteau and local official on accessibility; Dan offered to serve as the local official rep. Dan will attempt to complete a survey of Town Hall accessibility prior to the event so he can do a report.
 - b. 2015 Schedule - Will hold two events each at Eagle Theater and Kramer Hall. Programming themes will be tied to Sustainable Jersey priorities
 - i. Eagle Theater events are set:
 1. May 16th in partnership with AtlantiCare theme: building healthy communities;
 2. August 8th on Water Conservation
 - ii. Kramer Hall - exact dates must wait 'till school schedule is set. Tentative:
 1. January- two TED talks on growing greener urban communities with Stephen Ritz and a talk by Pam Warhurst on "How we can eat our landscapes."
 2. Nov- Reusable Bag education; Nancy is looking for suggestion for speaker
3. Green Day Planning – recap on progress - **next meeting date Wednesday August 6th at 7:30pm** - location TBD
 - a. Amy reported that the vendors are progressing well; Green MoJo will be participating with sale of composters and rain barrels, and a rain barrel workshop for registrants who want to build one for a lower price that day.
 - b. Atlantic County Historical Society – will have table at the event, to reach out to local VETs to capture verbal accounts of their experiences via first-person recorded conversations.

- c. The Green Committee was invited to come out to the Canoe Club to promote Green Day tomorrow at 10:30 am Amy will try to make it.

5. New Business

- **National Night Out at the High School** - Nancy and Lisa volunteered to staff a table at the event on Friday August 8, will give away the trees. Amy will follow-up with details for what we need to bring.
- **Adopt-a-Road Clean-up** - next one set for Sept. 20 at 10am- meet at the Library Parking Lot
- **HalloGreen Costume Swap** - tentatively scheduled for Saturday October 11th Noon to 4pm at the library. Amy will confirm with Library to lock in the date; and suggested we get some yard signs to promote. Other ideas for promotion: post note on Channel 9; hand out flyers on Oct. 4th at the Soccer Games; promote at Green Day and thru the schools. Edwin volunteered to bring in a flyer to the Middle and Elementary schools.
- **Amy advised that Recycle Bowl begins Monday, October 20th**. It would be great to get all Hammonton Schools to participate in this four week competition which ends on Nov. 15th (America Recycles Day)
- **PRCA - Puerto Rican Heritage Week** –Edwin reported that the GC is welcome to have a presence at the kick-off on August 24th starting at 1:30 pm at Town Hall ; and the following weekend’s events on Aug 29,30,31. Edwin suggested that we offer free trees. Enrique offered to have a table on August 29th - if he has a partner; On Aug 24th – Lisa and Amy will do the table between 3-7 pm ish at the Civic Center.
- **School Recycling: Edwin** brought up the issue of the need for the teachers and other school personnel to be more active in recycling of materials - kitchen and other packing materials (especially the loading docks!) tend not to be recycled. Kids do a good job but need more emphasis on staff. What can we, the town or state gov’t do to help address? ACUA may be able to provide a bigger container on the dock. Dan recommended the GC make a presentation at a future school board meeting with our Chair, Amy and our teachers on the GC. Dan recommended we first do some fact-finding to help us make the best case to the BOE. Dan suggested Barb Prettyman, the business manager would have the data we need. ACUA (Sara and Amy) can help with some recycling data and cost. Locker Clean-out Day: Edwin said that the big /bad day is the locker clean out day - there is a huge opportunity for us then! **Amy suggested we do a presentation in conjunction with Recycle-bowl.** Ryan and Edwin and Gina will help collect the data from Ms. Prettyman.
- **Green Drinks:** our next Green Drinks will be on August 21st Third Thursday “Latin Night” 7:30 - till at Rocco’s Town House.
- **Edwin** offered the Puerto Rican Civic Center for public events we may want to hold.

- **Council Update:** Dan reported a support group for the Hammonton Dog Park has been formed and they have a Facebook page!; Dan and Edwin will get together later to work out details on the bike racks
- **Finances:** Amy met with Frank Zuber on our finances and invoice payment process; he gave Amy our current balance. And forms to fill out if we want pre-authorization of spending/invoice payment.

7. Meeting Adjourned