



The Environmental Commission and Green Advisory Committee of Somers Point, NJ

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City of Somers Point—Green Team MARCH 7, 2016 MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6:25 p.m.—early because we started immediately after a sub-committee meeting that was discussing the Four Corners Landscaping Showcase.

Present: Keyser, Ludgate, Green, B Bender, and L Bender

Absent: Gregory, Reinert

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There were no communications to present.

The minutes were reviewed. B Bender motioned to approve and Keyser seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as written.

Old Business:

1) The Four Corners Project was quickly summarized among members of the Green Team who all shared their thoughts that we thought it would be a great project for the City. Ms. Bender agreed to write the letter to go out to the landscaping companies by Friday, March 11.

2) The group discussed the Business Recognition Program that we want to initiate. We discussed putting something together by or at the next meeting to present to the Small Business Association and EDAC for their input. Items to be added for the Business Recognition Program are as follows: Add natural pest management; offering recycling to the public; source separating food waste and other recycling; fuel-friendly or alternative fuel vehicles; having electric vehicle charging stations; and installing solar.

Mr. Green suggested that he has taken continuing education credits in solar and would be willing to look into possible City buildings that would be good candidates for solar. He said that solar is most practical when installed after a new roof is installed. Mr. Bender suggested creating a spreadsheet of City buildings recording when they are due for roof replacements or other replacements where energy and water-efficient alternatives could and should be selected.

Ms. Keyser suggested having a tiered system for businesses getting certified so they could feel accomplished with a starting level and move up to a higher level. Mr. Ludgate suggested using a

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points based system similar to Sustainable Jersey. Together they spoke about having a green leaf, gold leaf, then full bloom icon for each level for the businesses to display.

Past items for for a Green Business Recognition Program ideas included: bicycle racks, recycling, buying recycled products, selling recycled products, energy efficiency program participation, water conservation, vertical gardening or herb gardens (restaurants), compostable and size-appropriate take-out containers (restaurants), recycling food waste/grease (restaurants), having a donation program, composting, double-sided printing, reusable bag policy, and participation in litter pick-up programs (Adopt-a-Road or Clean Communities).

New Business:

1) The group agreed that we should have a table at Bayfest. Ms. Bender offered to prepare and work the table for the day. Mr. Ludgate suggested offering red oak saplings for donations. He would plant them and suggested \$3 2 for \$5 donation. The group agreed.

2) L Bender mentioned that she spoke with Wes Swain and Sean McGuigan regarding the Farmer's Market and since it was too large of an undertaking for the Green Team with all of the other items on their list to do. Ms. Bender's idea was to reach out to the community via e-mail, Bayfest, and social media to look for volunteers. The group agreed.

Green motioned and Keyser seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

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