

BBEC Meeting Minutes 7/1/2019

In attendance: R. Parker, A. Janoff, D. Leyes, G. Curtiss, and M. DeMarco.

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

Motion to approve June meeting minutes by R. Parker. Seconded by D. Leyes. All approve – unanimous

Leadership Discussion. A. Wheeler is preparing to move within the next year. All agreed that A. Wheeler should stay on as Chair until she moves or resigns the position. M. DeMarco was asked if she would be willing to chair the commission after Amanda moves. M. DeMarco agrees but highlights that she'd like to see the Chairmanship rotate every year.

Plastic Bag Ban – G. Curtiss and D. Leyes both notice that trash is not properly sorted on the beach. R. Parker to ask DPW about how recyclables on the beach and boardwalk are sorted. BBEC still has a box of 100 reusable bags available to give away. The food bank recently received a large donation of reusable bags and does not have a need for more. Options for distribution discussed: 1.) Distribute at events in Riley Park; 2.) Distribute to realtors; 3.) Distribute to residents when they purchase their season beach badges; 4.) Continue to distribute to local businesses; 5.) Provide to Quality of Life Committee for "Welcome" bags. R. Parker will distribute bags at upcoming Riley Park Concert.

Renewable Energy – G. Curtiss states information about moving to 100% renewable energy should be on the Sustainable Jersey website. New Brunswick is a great example of a city moving to renewable energy. G. Curtiss believes there are savings involved since energy is being purchased in a larger block. M. DeMarco to reach out to Sustainable Jersey to provide information.

Recycling Enforcement – G. Curtiss asked about the administration's plan for recycling ordinance enforcement. M. DeMarco states that A. Gubitosi told her enforcement has started on Main Street. G. Curtiss inquires if there are grants available to purchase garbage/recycling cans for borough residents. The commission discussed enforcement communications and M. DeMarco reminds the group that renters very rarely receive town communications. R. Parker will follow up with DPW to see if enforcement has started in other areas of the borough.

Sylvan Lake – A. Janoff informed the Commission that new plants around Sylvan Lake do not look healthy. A. Janoff was not sure if this was a lack of water or if there was a large issue with the plants. R. Parker will ask about watering when she is speaking with DPW. A. Janoff offers to join her for that meeting.

Beach Badge Booth Posters – discussion tabled until September when school is in session.

BB5K and the BBES – R. Parker reached out to Johnson Restaurant Supplies to find environmentally friendly ways for the school to sell ice coffee. The concern is how to stir the milk. Wooden stirrers are an option. A. Wheeler will be tasked with following up at the next meeting.

New Item – A. Janoff suggests trying to install filtered cold water stations for water bottles on the boardwalk. This can help reduce the amount of plastic on the beach and in the bins. All agree this is a great idea. The goal is to try to have this accomplished by spring. Concerns: will vendors be upset? A. Janoff to look into concerns and next steps towards completing this project. One idea is to reach out to Neptune/Ocean Grove to find out how they installed theirs.

New Item – Commissioners discuss having JCP&L attend a meeting to talk about LED lights on the Boardwalk. A. Janoff asks if new lights save energy and R. Parker confirmed that they do. Commissioners would like to keep this item on the agenda for future meetings.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by G. Curtiss. Seconded by A. Janoff. All approve – unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.