

OCEAN CITY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes – Tuesday, April 12, 2022

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

Roll Call – The following members were present:

Name	Title	Present/Absent	Name	Title	Present/Absent
Richard Bernardini	Chairperson	Present	Elizabeth Lehman	Commissioner	Absent
Marnie Niederhofer	Commissioner	Present	James Edwards	Commissioner	Absent
Doug Blackman	Alternate # 1	Present	John Aitken	Commissioner	Present
	Alternate # 2	Absent	Catherine Cipolla	Commissioner	Present
Bradford Jungles	Commissioner	Absent	Jessica Fenton	City Liaison	Absent
	Student Liaison	Absent	Olivia Heng	Student Liaison	Absent

Open Public Meetings Announcement – Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve the minutes for the meeting on March 8, 2022 was made by Catherine Cipolla and seconded by Doug Blackman. Those eligible to vote adopted it unanimously.

Public Comments

- The following attended the meeting:
 - Christopher Sardy-interest as Student Liaison
 - Lori Geiger - review of Waterway Flood Mitigation

Pending Business

- Submitted Plan Review
 - 4 CAFRA/NJDEP notices, 0 Treatment Works, 3 Zoning/Planning Board submissions were reviewed.
 - Comments on the Waterway Flood Mitigation project will be forwarded.
- Student Environmental Association
 - Upweller is about to start
 - Planning a tour of the CMCMUA OC Treatment plant or Recycling Center, Watershed Ambassador bird project, Cape May County Earth Day, and Upper Twp. Paper Shredding.
 - Participated in Corson’s Inlet State Park clean up on 3/19, Beach Plum planting on 3/26 and Ocean City Beach Sweep on 4/9.
- Informational flyers/fact sheets

- Administration has requested that the Commission reconsider printed information flyers; focus on lectures by third parties. Commission to consider.
- Six flyers have been prepared
 - Approved flyers have been distributed to various City outlets by J. Edwards
 - Future Flyer topics
 - Flood Water hazards - Jim Edwards - draft prepared, in review
 - Plastic Pollution - draft prepared
 - Reusable bags
 - Monarch butterflies and Milkweed-C. Cipolla
 - Composting
- ANJEC
 - Reserve the Carbon Footprint wheel for Green Fair in August
- Discussion of future Commission activity
 - Lectures
 - Fall '22
 - Wetlands Protection- Shooter Island (ATC Engineers and SEA)
 - Wetlands Institute to be invited
 - Spring '23
 - Gardening and Composting
 - Future Topics
 - Plastics
 - Osprey habitat
 - Passive rainwater control, such as bioswales
 - Army Corps of Engineer Flood Barrier
 - Milkweed seed distribution and Monarch butterflies
 - Potential locations
 - Playground
 - Airport areas
 - Wildlife Refuge
 - 51st Street
 - C. Cipolla returned to the Tabernacle to instruct the preschool on spring clean up and care of the plants
- Grants
 - ANJEC Stewardship grant application and data requirements in review and development by Catherine Cipolla for 2022.
 - Bayside Center with coordination with World Discovery Preschool
 - Administration approved the installation and will proceed with Grant application
 - Bird Guides-Marnie Neiderhofer
 - Sustainable Jersey
 - Public Beach Access
- Orsted Ocean Wind wind farm
 - NJBPU is holding Transmission Strategy sessions
- B. Lehman will investigate a new logo for OCEC.
 - potential student or community competition

- Beach Plum planting was held on 3/26/22, including Commission members, SEA and some community volunteers. Thanks to Alma George, Jalma Farms for providing plants.
- City is investigating OCEC logo shirts for members to wear at events.
- CCMUA and OCPW invited participation in the Earth Day event at the Cape May Zoom on 4/23/33. SEA and Commission to consider participation activity.
 - The Commission decided to pass on the event as supplies for crafts and giveaways are insufficient for the population attending the zoo on weekends.

New Business

- Arbor Day Tree giveaway 4/29, volunteers needed
- Utility Advisory Commission will be holding a Recycling lecture on May 19 at the Library

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM. Motions to adjourn were made by Marnie Neiderhofer and seconded by Doug Blackman.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 6:30 PM, in person at the Cape May County Howard S. Stainton Senior Center, 1735 Simpson Avenue.