

OCEAN CITY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes – Tuesday, October 13, 2020

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

Roll Call – The following members were present:

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

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 September 8, 2020 was made by Betsey Lehman and seconded by John Aitken. Those eligible to vote adopted unanimously.

Public Comments

- Donna Moore - introduced herself as an Environmental and Living Shoreline Advocate

Pending Business

- Submitted Plan Review
 - There were 2 NJDEP notices, 6 Zoning, and no Planning Board submissions for review, none were noted with comments.
- Native Planting Project
 - Beach Plums are available for planting, locations to be verified with Administration. Administration advised there is no location for planting at this time.
 - will revisit for spring 2021 plantings
- R. Bernardini presented a photo of the Terrapin Activity warning sign from Strathmere; suggested a student project to install a similar sign on 34th Street.
 - Student Liaisons presented 2 schemes. Liaisons are to provide a summary of student activity to support the program and the sign layout to Rick Bernardini, which will be forwarded to the Administration for approval and implementation.
 - All student activity is on hold due to Covid restrictions
- R. Bernardini noted that our informational flyers/fact sheets do not seem to be available at any city public location.
 - Six flyers have been prepared and submitted to the City for distribution

- Advertisement for new commissioners is complete by the City.
 - The following Commissioners were appointed and welcomed:
 - Commissioner - Marnie Niederhofer
 - Alternate I - Doug Blackman
 - Alternate II - Liza Barrick
- ANJEC
 - Catherine Cipolla to review Grant opportunity for Community Gardens
 - Rick Bernardini encouraged all Commissioners to monitor ANJEC communications and opportunities.
- Discussion of future Commission activity
 - Lectures - ON HOLD
 - CRS and Flood Insurance
 - Wetlands Protection
 - Gardening and Composting
 - Osprey habitat
 - Solar power and LED - coordinate with Atlantic City Electric
 - Visit to the high school hydroponic garden.
 - Passive rainwater control, such as bioswales
 - Flyers
 - Flood Water hazards - Brad Jungles to research health and safety info.
 - Reusable bags
 - Monarch butterflies and Milkweed
 - Composting
 - Milkweed seed distribution and Monarch butterflies, possible March 2021 Family Fun Day activity.

New Business

- Shooter Island Restoration Shellfish Upweller
 - ACT Engineers is seeking volunteers for assistance with operation and maintenance of shellfish upweller at the Bayside Center. Information was distributed to Commissioners in advance. Interested parties to contact Rick Bernardini for coordination with ACT.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:56 PM. Motion to adjourn was made by Catherine Cipolla and seconded by Betsey Lehman. Motion was approved unanimously.

Next Meeting: Tentative - Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at 6:30 PM, via ZOOM.