

OCEAN CITY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes – Tuesday, December 8, 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	Present	John Aitken	Commissioner	Present
Liza Barrick	Alternate # 2	Present	Catherine Cipolla	Commissioner	Absent
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 October 13, 2020 was made by Marnie Niederhofer and seconded by Betsey Lehman. Those eligible to vote adopted unanimously. There was no meeting on November 10, 2020 due a Zoom problem.

Public Comments

- None

Pending Business

- Submitted Plan Review
 - There were 4 NJDEP notices, 4 Zoning, and 3 Planning Board submissions for review, none were noted with comments.
 - Upon subsequent review 50 Tennessee Ave was noted that an environmental contamination clearance be provided due to prior use as a paint testing facility.
- Native Planting Project
 - Beach Plums are available for planting, locations to be verified with Administration.
 - Administration advised that 57th Street and Central Ave beach access road area may be planted. Initial discussions with Jalma Farms have been made, potential scheduling for mid-March to mid-April for a Commission and Student activity only, not public, all subject to Covid restrictions.
- 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
 - This project is deferred, not action anticipated.
- 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
- 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
 - 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 subject to Covid restrictions.
- Shooter Island Restoration Shellfish Upweller
 - ACT Engineers is seeking volunteers for assistance with operation and maintenance of shellfish upweller at the Bayside Center.
 - Several Commissioners and students attended the Upweller dedication. Unit is now suspended for the winter. Mussel growing operations will commence in the spring, volunteer opportunities to maintain the unit will be announced.

New Business

- R. Bernardini presented a Sub-Committee matrix with roles, functions and initial assignments. He encouraged Commissioners to review and volunteer for actions.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:59 PM. Motion to adjourn was made by Betsey Lehman and seconded by John Aitken. Motion was approved unanimously.

Next Meeting: Tentative - Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 6:30 PM, via ZOOM.