

Borough of Park Ridge Green Team - Minutes for Meeting of September 14, 2011 @ West Ridge Library

Commenced: 7:30 p.m., Adjourned: 10:00 p.m.

Attendance: J. McDermott, D. Cawood, B. Coleman, B. Thomason, V. Lemba, R. Crisafi, J. Roehmer,

Guests: R. Bishnoi, B. Bogart, M. Falcon

Recycling Update

Town Recycling Bins Status

1. Kelley will advise in 2 weeks as to status of recycling bins M&C agreed to purchase for train station, commuter lot and Library/Borough Hall entrance.
2. Roseanne to prepare list of question regarding municipal recycling for Steve to provide to Pete Wayne. Would like to use for e-mail blast prior to America Recycles Day (November 15).
3. Team will define list/flyer of acceptable recycled materials in borough.

School Recycling Progress Update

1. Vinny gave team a tour of the recycling plan he has set up at West Ridge. Explained a similar plan is in place at East Brook and that teachers and administration are excited about recycling plan. Bins have been delivered to H.S. and Vinny will work with Mark Falcon (HS Environmental Club advisor) to distribute bins throughout HS next week. Mark will also speak to Environmental Club members for assistance with recycling at HS. District-approved 3-stream bins for each school have not been received. Barbara to reach out to Bob Wright again to ask why. Vinny explained getting materials to Recycling Center is a problem, as is nighttime custodians at both elementary schools participation (not sure if it is happening). Steve to supply notice prepared by GT to Boro Administrator for Recycling Coordinator to sign and send to each school as to drop-off days ASAP. Need to request Bob have HS custodian pickup materials from WR & EB. Further discussions on how schools will measure amount of materials being recycled which is needed to apply for BCUA grants next year.
2. Danielle reported conversations with WR principal to foster awareness of recycling at WR. Suggested each class have a student "recycling manager" to assist, and each class to chart amount of materials collected. Principal will make announcement at Back to School night of grant money received with help of Green Team, and request for parents to encourage recycling at home, as well. EB PTO is also onboard with school recycling and James will request a similar announcement at EB Back to School night. James and Danielle to request PTO's purchase scales needed to weigh recycling materials.
3. Barbara will reach out to principal of Our Lady of Mercy to inquire as to their recycling plan and if they would be interested in Green Team's assistance applying for BCUA grant next year.
4. Danielle reported WR PTO will be holding a Green Fair on October 20th, and explained booths to be set up on different topics. Roseanne offered suggestions for booths.

Sustainable New Jersey Progress Update/Future Advisory Plan

1. James advised we should hear about Bronze Certification by end of month. James reported SNJ \$10,000 Grant was denied. Need to re-visit for submission next year.
2. Green Mapping-Betsy discussed some of the Community Mapping she researched. Group discussed possibility for Kelley to put existing Natural Resource Map on GT website if electronic. Team discussed desire for interactive map with pop-ups of Natural Resources in town. Both Barbara and James suggested websites for ideas to do so.

3. 2011/2012 Open Items/Future Recommendations:
 - i. Steve to re-introduce Anti-Idling ordinance at next M&C meeting; Danielle will try to bring up with WR principal.
 - ii. NJ Pesticide free – M&C did not support pesticide-free for Boro properties. Need to reintroduce. Steve to call Mr. Naturals regarding pesticide-free alternatives.
 - iii. Water Conservation – Still need information from Katherine’s project at West Ridge last spring. James will reach out to Bill Beattie for Electric/Water/DPW Department’s plans for any future initiatives.
4. James reported the Planning Board Ordinances developed with the Town Planner for 2011 SNJ points submission included LEED ND Ordinance and Green Building Design (policy and resolution and green design for commercial buildings). Future points recommended by Town Planner that are attainable include, Sustainable Land Use Pledge; Complete Streets program; Municipal Planning Self-assessment; Caring for Conservation Easements; and the Open Space Committee’s Rain Garden.
5. Involving other committees-
 - I. George absent – no report from Technology Committee.
 - II. Barbara called and e-mailed Jim Hespe on Shade Tree Committee, with no response or return call. Will reach out to Council Liaison for assistance.
 - III. Ray and Bob absent – no report from Planning Board.
6. Need GT members to look at SJ website and advise on what each member would volunteer to work on.
7. Additional non-SJ projects to work on –HELD OVER TO NEXT MEETING
8. Future meeting with other GT’s and Pascack Sustainability Group to discuss regional concerns – Pascack Brook flooding as a regional initiative. HELD OVER TO NEXT MEETING
9. Advisory Plan/future meeting with M&C to discuss upcoming GT projects. HELD OVER TO NEXT MEETING.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. **Pascack Sustainability Group:**
 - I. 350.org – Bike event 9/24/11 8-mile bike tour of Pascack Valley, starts at Cyclesport
 - II. Jim Henson 9/22 BCC event

Next Meeting Wed Oct 5th 7:30, Location TBD