

Englewood Environmental Commission  
Minutes of 8 August 8 2016 Meeting  
City Hall - HR Conference Room

Meeting called to order by Ellen Forman, Chair at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call: Ellen Forman, Jack Silberman, Crystal Brown, Anthony David, Sara Stroman, Stephen Wiessner, and Michael Passow

Guests: Arnold Brown, Crystal Hampton

1. Approval of Minutes of 11 July 2016 meeting: Motion to approve made by Crystal, seconded by Jack; unanimously accepted.

2. Chair Comments/Correspondence—Ellen Forman

a. Environmental Commission email access—All commissioners now have access to the EEC mail—contact Ellen for information about to access it.

b. 262 Oakwood Rd—Board of Health representatives found nothing to address at the site. Any retaining wall issues are not environmental issues.

c. The State DEP reported chemical contamination on a property on W. Forest Ave and ordered remediation to meet Ground Water Quality Standards by 31 Dec 2018.

3. Open Business

a. Discussion was held on revisions to the Third Street Community Garden Application Form--Crystal Motion: All dogs are prohibited from entering the Garden made by Crystal, seconded by Mike, approved 5-1. The revised version of the application form will be disseminated to the Commission and the City.

b. Discussion of `Mission Statement and Goals – Sara

The EEC Mission Statement is fine as is. Goals need revision, and Sara will update these before sending them out for Commission Review

4. New Business

a. Planning Board Update – Anthony

Anthony reported on concerns over a perceived excessive number of trees cut down on a property at E. Hudson and Engle St.

b. Sustainable Jersey Update – We have 95 pts to date and are trying to submit additional 105 pt.

c. MyEnglewood has a submission date of 16 Aug.16. Ellen will provide conservation tips disseminated by ANJEC and other sources.

d. Flat Rock Brook Update – Stephen informed other commissioners about the 5k run on 7 Aug, addition of 42 more solar panels on the roof, and updates about water quality and deer control measures.

e. A new naturalist has been hired and plans will be made in the fall for a meeting with FRB Staff by the EEC.

f. Tree discussion during July meeting—Sara and Michael will lead efforts to determine follow-up actions.

g. Glenbrook Parkway and adjacent fields—Concerns were expressed about a front-loader on city land. The Capital Budget may include \$250,000 for lighting the fields.

## 5. Subcommittees Discussion

It was agreed that the following Commissioners will take the lead for these subcommittees:

Crystal—Open Space (parks, community gardens)

Jack—Energy (lighting, electric charging stations)

Anthony—Development and Planning

Michael—Environmental Health (recycling, noise, air pollution, water, soil)

Sara—Green Team—(Sustainable Jersey, public outreach, community clean-up, education, publicity)

Ellen—Website, MyEnglewood

## 6. Public Comments:

a. Arnold Brown asked whether the EEC has any influence on PSE&G tree-trimming operations, and was told that the State allows utilities considerable leeway. Arnold also suggested that residents of the Senior Citizen building on West St. might be interested in providing outreach for community gardens.

b. Crystal Hampton suggested the EEC expand publicity about community gardens to expand the number of more people that know about it and want to become involved. Ellen and others will work on presentations for community outreach.

Motion to Adjourn was accepted at 8:41.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J Passow, EEC Secretary