

GLEN ROCK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Municipal Building, Harding Plaza, Glen Rock, NJ 07452

Feb. 19, 2013 Agenda

Roll Call

Lesley Elton		Scott King		Cindy Mehallow	
Naomi Gamorra		Mark McCullough		Paul Sharar	
Andy Curshen		Sylvia Rabacchi			

Call to Order

Guests:

- Sheryl Carrozza, Greener Corners, National Education Coordinator, 646-265-7199, www.GreenerCorners.com
- Leslie Kameny, Glen Rock Shade Tree Advisory Committee, Chair
- Melanie Jackson, Americorps NJ Watershed Ambassador, Hackensack Riverkeeper, Inc., 231 Main Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601, (201)968-0808 x108, (908)230-6898

Site Plan Review – Parking lot behind Hardware store; Expansion at Kilroy’s

Planning Board Report – EFGAR calculations changed to impose upper limit

Public Comment

Old Business		
Agenda Topic/Owner	Key Points	Next Action Steps
GREC Meeting minutes/ Naomi Gamorra	GREC required to provide minutes of all meetings	Feb. Minutes/Recap - Naomi March Minutes/Recap – Need a volunteer
GREC Vacancy	Sylvia to join GREC as Commissioner	She will attend the ANJEC orientation session on March 2.
Boro Tree Planting Policy/ Leslie Kameny	Update. Grants available through NJ Recovery Fund of the Community Foundation of NJ	
Storm Recovery Tips from Arbor Day Foundation/TBD	Informational videos are available for use by Glen Rock	Need volunteer: Promote use of videos on GR TV and via links from Boro website
Lara Jones/Sylvia Rabacchi	Lara named Citizen of the Month Water bottle filling stations installed	

Anti-Idling / Naomi Gamorra	Memo to borough employees	Naomi to report
Sustainable Jersey Status/ Andy Curshen	Andy attended recognition ceremony and workshops	Andy to share report
NJD PES Stormwater Public Education Requirements/TBD	Need to complete enough activities annually that total a minimum of 10 points to maintain our storm water permit	Need volunteer to work with DPW to determine number of points achieved, number remaining and how to achieve http://www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/pdf/Tier_B/TierB%20guidance.pdf pg 28-32

New Business		
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Recycling bins	<p>Mahwah Environmental Volunteers Organization (MEVO) has recycling bins for public distribution.</p> <p>Could Glen Rock use these at the playing fields or other public spaces?</p>	<p>Determine if GR has a need. If so, need volunteer: to follow up with Karlito Almedo, MEVO Event Coord. at www.mevoearth.org/ cell: (201)-647-7748 KARLITOALMEDA010@mevoearth.org</p>
Public space recycling program	<p>Greener Corners implements public space recycling programs and currently has a partnership with the Borough of Glen Rock – the three-stream bins around town.</p> <p>Greener Corners is interested in setting up a community 'Green Team' event in Glen Rock in the late Spring/early Summer. This event would focus on creating public awareness campaigns to educate residents about GR's public space recycling program, to increase knowledge of the access residents have to these bins and to promote the benefits and importance of recycling. http://www.greenercorners.com/green-team/</p> <p>GC likes to recruit local volunteers to join our Green Team efforts and tailor the events to be kid friendly to participation of kids, families, and individuals.</p>	<p>Decide if the GREC wants to sponsor a community recycling event this spring.</p> <p>Consider how we could use such an event to support ongoing issue such as plastic bag recycling and reductions of water bottle use at the GR MS/HS.</p> <p>Need a volunteer to lead this effort</p>
Updated recycling information for Boro residents	<p>Mary Jane Surrago has been working with Pam and Heidi to figure out better ways to communicate recycling to residents. They are going to look at the GR website and also get something going with GRTV. The EC's recycling brochure that is linked to the Borough website is outdated so it has been removed from the website because it is in conflict with what the Borough has posted. They would be happy to repost it at some time in the future if we decide to update it. In the near future, they will be coming out with more accurate and educational information on recycling.</p>	

ANJEC'S Fundamentals for Effective Environmental Commissions	Any Commissioner who has not attended or who would like to attend as a refresher may attend for free under the workshop plan, of which GR is a member. Please register at: Saturday, March 2 9:00am - 1:30pm Clifton City Hall, 900 Clifton Ave., Clifton	Further details are on the ANJEC Website . To register, email ANJEC or call 973-539-7547 .
Community Garden /Leslie Elton	Council passed resolution that the Glen Rock Environmental Commission will act as the host organization for "Glen Rock Community Gardens," thereby providing the administrative management and oversight necessary for this project. Any funding or donations made to the Glen Rock Community Garden will flow through the GREC to the Borough of Glen Rock.	
Boro website update	Heidi Blauvelt is updating the boro website. http://www.glenrocknj.net/departments/boards-and-committees/detail.php?id=ENVIR)	Map out a process for reviewing and updating GREC web content

Resources

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