

**Community Affairs Virtual General Meeting  
April 20, 2020 7:00pm**

**Attendees: Lenora Benjamin, Councilmember Barchetto, Councilmember Gilbreath, Councilmember Kreibich, Ashley Biggs,**

- COVID19 update: Joanne Perry has contacted all 70 residents registered with OEM as needing assistance. She has assisted 9 residents with small needs. The volunteer registry has 27 residents signed up. Nineteen small businesses have registered discounts or specials on the borough's small business registry. Resident Shibu Joseph kindly offer the use of his newly created web app njdine.com to list local restaurants open for business.
- Councilmember Barchetto suggested the Mayor and Council record a PSA after the next council meeting thanking healthcare workers, essential workers, and residents for their contributions during the pandemic.
- Councilmember Kreibich suggested featuring "Heroes and Helpers" on our borough website to acknowledge residents who are helping in various ways during the COVID19 epidemic. This idea will be promoted during the next Council meeting.
- Councilmember Barchetto shared an offer from resident Catherine Magner to lead free meditation classes via Zoom. Councilmember Kreibich suggested this would be a good outreach opportunity for the Stigma-Free Committee. Councilmember Barchetto will email the committee to discuss promotion.
- Cancelled events were reviewed – all local government week activities, Pride in the Park (although flag will be flown), June Fun Fair, Little League parade, Chamber Street Fair. The committee will revisit in July whether the event planned to celebrate the anniversary of women's suffrage can go on as planned. A digital event is a possible alternative.
- Councilmember Barchetto discussed ways to honor the GRHS Class of 2020 should graduation be cancelled. The idea of a parade down Rock was discussed and will be pursued in the summer should no event take place at GRHS.
- Councilmember Gilbreath updated the committee on the 2020 Census.
- Lenora reviewed the outstanding bill from GovOffice for \$4,380. With the current crisis, it was agreed to postpone changing the website providers and continue with their service. As the full overhaul was postponed, Ashley Biggs suggested we gather a list of changes to be made to the site and GovOffice can make them at their \$200/hr rate.
- Creating a process for honorary naming in the borough was discussed. Various points were raised and the committee agreed that temporary naming of specific Council-approved locations

such as Wilde Park and Harding Plaza would be the best alternative. Councilmember Barchetto will create a Google document with application and process ideas to share with the committee.

Meeting adjourned 8:47pm

Submitted by: Councilmember Mary Barchetto  
April 23, 2020