

South Orange Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: July 14, 2009

Attendance:

Committee - Larry Aronson (LA), Jotham Bailey (JoB), Janine Bauer (JaB), Walter Clarke (WC), Tom Riordan (TR), Mark Rosner (MR), Dawn Williams (DW).

Public Participants – Brendan Kelly (BK)

Approved minutes of June 9, 2009 meeting

Reports and Discussion:

Public Comment – None

Pet Poop –

Current norm is non-biodegradable bag pickup with disposal in normal trash. MR suggested a village initiative to offer biodegradable bags. BK volunteered to investigate what kind of poop bags the village is using at the dog park.

Sustainable NJ checklist-

WC reviewed the state initiative. Expanded on the anti idling item that is on the checklist. MR suggested that lack of enforcement issues begin with village employees....police, jitneys, parking authority etc. There was additional discussion regarding future vehicle design and use of the parking authority. WC will pull together a publicity piece for Gaslight distribution and review with TR.

River Day/green map/house tour – Discussed opportunity to distribute both rain barrels and composters at newcomers day. MR will get JB the email address to coordinate with community relations group. A River Day discussion centered on an effort to coordinate with the River Greenway project. TR and JaB will meet with Carol from Main Street SO.

EC Ordinance – currently EC is expected to submit comments to planning but not appear. JaB will draw up a revised ordinance for submission.

Master Plan Housing –OLTC 'space' is currently in master plan to meet COAH requirements and therefore can not develop their open space (debated position). This is being addressed outside of the EC. EC may be involved in the future. Will be placed on Sept agenda.

Open meeting with trust fund advisory – a joint meeting has been requested. TR will get an email from JaB and follow up.

Dreamweaver license software – DW will follow up with ANJEC to see if this can be covered by them. If not, it will be put into the budget.

EC Budget – Budget submission must be in by October 1. TR requests that each EC member come prepared for the Sept. meeting with budget ideas.

Old Business:

Grant proposals – JaB recommended and the group agreed to submit a proposal for a kiosk to be used on our behalf. JoB has previously developed a proposal for ANJEC which JaB will submit for the state DPW grant program.

New Business:

ANJEC training -DW shared that ANJEC has volunteered to provide a half-day of training on the topic of our choice. Interest in the group was high. DW will attempt to get a list of possible topics.

Future Agenda Items – Discussion of property management ordinances (code inspectors) and environmental opportunities. TR will reach out to meet with Tony Greci and share the date.

Meeting Date – JaB requested that we consider a change in our regular meeting date. Tentatively we agreed on the third Thursday of the month. TR will poll other EC members.

NOTE: Poll completed. We will move to third Thursday of the month.

Next Meeting Date: Sept 17, 2009 There will be no meeting in August.