

# **SustainableEHC**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **Jan. 28, 2020**

The monthly meeting of SustainableEHC was held at City Hall 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2020. Present were Nanette LoBiondo Galloway, Stephen and Barbara Fiedler of the Galloway Green Team, Hazel Mueller, Brenda Ruth and Dick Colby.

There were no minutes to approve.

Galloway reviewed the budget account status provided by CFO Jodi Kahn showing a balance of \$271.03 remaining in the SustainableEHC Trust account after payment of \$201.05 for domain name and web hosting for one year.

Galloway informed the group that the green team has 80 points remaining and 30 of them will be expiring in April and June. The city needs to gain 100 points by November to maintain its Bronze designation.

Galloway updated status of the \$10,000 Sustainable Jersey Gardiner Environmental Fund grant received for a solar feasibility study performed by Renington & Walberg Engineers. R&V was authorized to solicit RFPs from qualified solar installers for City Hall, the library building, firehouse and Public Works building. The offering states R&V's lump sum fee of \$5,900 would be reimbursed by the successful bidder.

Dick Colby repeated his prior requests for the city to install a community solar project in which property owners would share the benefits from the reduced cost of electric.

Galloway shared information about the possibility of applying for two Sustainable Jersey grants due Feb. 14. One would be for \$2,000 to fund Green Team operating expenses, and a second \$10,000 or \$20,000 grant could fund a larger project, such as the Brownfields Inventory and Brownfields Marketing Plan action items, EV charging station or vehicle, retrofitting streetlights with LED bulbs and other energy initiatives. It would be up to the City Council to determine if the prior solar grant could be closed out by Feb. 14, and which program it would like to address.

Stephen Fiedler discussed the "Friends Along the Mullica" river project, indicating efforts to clean up Clarks Landing. Fishers and student volunteers from Stockton have assisted. He is currently working with a videographer to film the riverfront from Hammonton to Atlantic City and review the river's history. Hazel Mueller agreed to be interviewed for Egg Harbor City. After editing, the film will be screened at the Forsythe Refuge. Galloway suggested the volunteers be recognized in some way, perhaps at the screening or at a City Council meeting.

The green team agreed to support Fiedler's request for Atlantic County to establish Clarks Landing as a parkland.

Fiedler agreed to present a seminar and video on Galloway Township's invasive species as part of the green team's Spring Environmental Series. Other ideas for community outreach are needed.

Fiedler presented a reformatted version of Colby's "Walks In and Around Egg Harbor City" brochure prepared by Barbara Fiedler. It includes a color map and key, and a photograph. Galloway said the green team would include funding for printing the brochure (est. \$250-500) in the team's SJ Small Grant application.

Galloway presented some ideas to work on this year, including asking the city to purchase recycling containers, establishing a curbside recycling collection program to inform residents about the proper way to recycle, and establishing a 2020 Census kiosk to help residents fill out the Census document online.

Galloway shared information about the ACUA Environmental Stewards program and announced the Cedar Creek/Egg Harbor Lake bicycle lane information session would be held 4-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13 at City Hall.

Galloway discussed the possibility of having a Green Drinks event for all members of the Mullica River hub teams at Hammerbacher's sometime in February. The cost would be \$20 per person and include small bites and desserts, BYO wine.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The next meeting will be held 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25.