

SustainableEHC Meeting Minutes May 24, 2016

SustainableEHC held its regular monthly meeting 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 24 at City Hall. Members present were Nanette LoBiondo Galloway, Mary Ann Rogers, Dick Colby, Jennifer Williams and Hazel Mueller.

Rogers motioned to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2016 meeting; Colby seconded; all approved.

Galloway requested approval of the SustainableEHC Creative Team goals and membership, which includes members of Cedar Creek High School Art Club, teacher Erin Hoban, City Councilwoman Hazel Mueller, BH Media/Catamaran graphic artist Krystie Morganweck, and Chairwoman Galloway. Colby motioned to approve; Rogers seconded; all approved. This document will be posted on the SustainableEHC website and entered into the Sustainable Jersey certification website for points toward silver certification.

Galloway thanked Mullica River Watershed Ambassador Jane Mattson for her fine work setting up the Sustainable Landscaping Workshop Series, which was well attended, and provided valuable information to the public and SustainableEHC team members. The last program on selecting native trees held May 17 was very informative, and presenter Larry Kuser of Fernbrook Farms donated one of his demonstration trees, a native NJ willow oak, to the city. Galloway said she was contacted by a local woman who wanted to plant a tree in honor of a friend, an Egg Harbor City resident who passed away recently after a battle with cancer. The woman requested it be planted in Peace Pilgrim Park. Kuser confirmed that the tree would be appropriate for that location. Arrangements will be made to have the tree planted at a future date.

Galloway reported that she met Carrie Sargeant of the Community Stewardship Incentive Program grant program at a recent government meeting, who indicated that grant applications would be reviewed and awards announced at the end of June. Kuser also stated that he is a member of the board that reviews grant applications and that he would be on the lookout for Egg Harbor City's application. He suggested working closely with a certified tree expert on tree selection, etc. if the grant is approved.

Williams reported that it has been very challenging obtaining vendors for the Egg Harbor City Farmers Market this year, but that efforts would continue to obtain vendors. Banners will be ordered for the front and back of Lincoln Park. Galloway will arrange weekly advertising in four editions of the Current. Galloway said she would contact the county to see if transportation to and from Rittenberg Manor senior housing could be arranged. Williams said the city applied to the county for

approval to accept EBT cards to make fresh produce accessible to lower income residents of the city. Making farm markets accessible is an action item for Sustainable Jersey certification.

Williams also reported there will be a weekly community green challenge at the farmers market, which will include reducing the use of single-use bags, switching out plastic containers for glass, Meatless Monday, grow your own veggies, etc. Creative team members at CCHS will create educational posters, a pledge form devised, and those who sign the pledge will be eligible to receive a green prize at the end of the market each week. Prizes, such as reusable bags, glass containers, low-flow shower heads, etc. can be donated by area businesses and community members. Those who pledge will be asked to take a very brief, Survey Monkey survey in three months to determine how successful they were upholding their pledges. The green community challenges program is an action item for Sustainable Jersey silver certification.

Member Lou Madonia was not present to present the Green Business Recognition Program he is developing for SustainableEHC.

An Urban Market & Green Fair will be held in conjunction with the Hometown Celebration. Farmers Market vendors will be invited to participate at no extra cost. Galloway will contact other green vendors, the BPU, NJ Clean Energy Program, etc. to participate. Galloway will ask CFO Jodi Kahn if a shredding event could be held during the event, and the Police Department will be asked to collect unwanted prescription drugs during the event.

Colby suggest SustainableEHC develop a list of approved contractors to install lateral connections to the city's water system on private property.

Galloway suggested a hiatus from monthly meetings during summer months while the farmers market is in operation. The group was invited to stay in touch by assisting at the farmers market and meeting at the SustainableEHC tent. If a meeting is needed, Galloway will notify everyone by email.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by Nanette LoBiondo Galloway