

Sustainable Absecon

Meeting Agenda

March 23rd 2017, 6 – 7pm

Meeting Location – Absecon Historical Society

Agenda Items:

1. Discussion

a. Senior Park timeline and finances

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b. Heritage Park – Al's plans and timeline

c. Absecon Green Day (April 22nd)

d. ACUA Earth Day (April 23rd)

b. 2017 Greenfest, 5th annual (May 13th / 14th) 10-3pm

e. Farmer's Market

- new farmer's market dates (8 vs 10 weeks, divided by 2 = 4-5 Sundays).

f. New website – check it out and please provide feedback and/or content.

2. Closing / Other

Events:

- Friday March 24th 2017: Silent Movie in AC (7pm @ Boardwalk Hall)
- Saturday March 25th 2017: 10am-2pm, Home Energy Savings Fair (Italian Gourmet Restaurant)
- Sunday March 26th 2017: 9am Road Clean up - Zenia Ave (Galloway)
- Monday March 27th Film and Lecture Series: How We Can Combat Threats to Our Water: Stockton Kramer Hall 6:30pm-8:30pm.
- Next Meeting: April 27th 2017

Minutes

In attendance:

Greg S, Bob P., Kim H., Marlon H., Peter E., Kira D., Zoanne O., Mike C.

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Group decided that adjusting timing was not necessary unless snow/frost imminent prior to planning.

Group decided to use landscape fabric given renewable nature of fabric [Mike will follow up with measurements and purchase].

We are looking at approximately \$300-400 in plants. Slight revised plant species due to seasonal availability. With extra money we discussed possibly purchasing butterfly houses, edging, or bird bath.

Equipment to bring for excavation and plantings: rakes, yard waste bags, shovels, gloves.

Timing: plant pick up Friday April 7th or Saturday April 8th depending on nursery availability [Kira will follow up]. Marlon has trailer available to move plants. Topsoil and mulch delivery on Friday April 7th. Greg is looking into delivery options. Meet at 10am at park ready to work!

Topsoil and mulch: Mike will get needed volume to Greg.

Kim has already reached out to R.J. Libertore already and he is interested in covering our story.

b. Heritage Park – Al's plans and timeline

Al was unable to attend but sent email to group outlining plan for park.

The group talked about a spring site cleanup quickly after Morton & Traymore planting due to member's schedules: May 6th

c. Absecon Green Day (April 22nd)

The group talked about several sites in need of attention: Mill Road near reservoir; New Jersey Avenue across from ShopRite (City owned land); Elm Street between Woodland and Upland. Kim will reach out to Bob Batista with this information.

Kira and Mike will not be able to participate due to schedule conflicts.

d. ACUA Earth Day (April 23rd)

Greg volunteered to secure a spot for us.

Marlon discussed a display that he may bring.

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Mike will generate a doodle poll to work out coverage for May 13th. Due to Mother's Day on May 14th the group is entirely unavailable on the rain date of May 14th. Mike has already communicated this to Go Green Galloway.

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The group discussed and was AOK with the addition of 2 weeks that would functionally amount to one week of coverage due to sharing of coverage with our comrades in Galloway.

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Marlon discussed interest in a County-wide employment program focused on paying for litter abatement. He thought 10-15 people working 5 days a week is what is needed. Marlon has an agreement with some municipalities to acquire heavy equipment and operators. The group suggested presenting this to the Atlantic County Freeholders.