

Sustainable Absecon

Meeting Agenda

April 27th 2017, 6 – 7pm

Meeting Location – Howlett Hall Museum

100 New Jersey Avenue

Meeting Facilitator: Brad Smith

Agenda Items:

1. Discussion
 - a. Senior Park
 - i. Approximately \$1600 remaining on grant.
 - ii. Ideas for park?
 - iii. Re-engage with Dr. Horner's students.
 - b. Heritage Park
 - i. Initial discussion on design for fall 2017 planting.
 - c. Greenfest 2017
 - i. Mike to discuss details and logistics.
2. Closing / Other

Date(s) to remember: May 13th 2017 (Greenfest)

Next Meeting: May 25th 2017

Minutes

Attendees: Brad, Kim, Pete, Kira, Zoanne, Warren, Greg, Mike.

1. Discussion

a. Senior Park

i. Approximately \$1600 remaining on grant. Funds need to be spent by September 2017

ii. Ideas for park?

We discussed several possible ways to spend remaining balance:

- Crushed gravel pathway
- * Pet waste station (one or two)
- Bird houses
- * Butterfly houses (estimated cost \$45-\$50/ea)
- Update senior park sign (with either plants near base or freshen paint on sign)
- Recycled park benches from ACUA (\$300-\$865/ea)
- * Rhododendrons or Forsythia or Azaleas and/or butterfly weeds (near senior sign)
- Signs with plant descriptions (either where plants are or on the back of the senior park sign).

Ideas with * were preferred ideas from brainstorming.

If we plant, we need to plant between now and May 25th (our next in-person meeting).

Planting advice: buy 1 bag of mulch per plant that we plant (e.g., for Rhododendrons).

We decided that we would plant butterfly weeds and Rhododendrons at our next meeting (May 25th).

iii. Re-engage with Dr. Horner's students.

- Dr. Horner had a commitment with former student and was not able to attend meeting

b. Heritage Park

i. Initial discussion on design for fall 2017 planting.

- This is a high profile site so the group recognized that the margin for error is very small. The group discussed starting project at a small scale to keep things manageable (e.g., 1/3 or less the original scale). Build out in phases as time and money permit. The group acknowledged that the benefit of full build out was that it was effective at reducing geese; these same benefits may not extend to smaller scale efforts. Brad is going to

reach out to Al to see if Al is on board with re-starting this project.

c. Greenfest 2017

i. Mike to discuss details and logistics.

- Discussed circulating a google doc so that members could volunteer for time slots. Set up is scheduled for Friday May 12th 4pm-7pm; the main event is Saturday May 13th 10am-3pm with a rain date of Sunday May 14th. Since Sunday is Mother's Day we have communicated to GGG that our people are unavailable to assist that day.

2. Closing / Other

Next Meeting: May 25th 2017, [a working meeting at Senior Park \(Morton/Traymore\)](#)