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CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION

“OUR TOWN, OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, KEEP HAMDEN CLEAN”

MINUTES: The Clean & Green Commission, Town of Hamden, held a Special Meeting on Monday, February 22, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the **Mayor's Office Conference Room**, 3rd Floor, Hamden Government Center. The following issues were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Scott Howland, Marietta Mattei, Diane Hoffman, Peter Palmieri, Carl Jordan, Dakibu Muley, Sandra Serrano Alvarado, Barbara Schlein, Charlene Webb

Commissioners Absent: Jack O'Donnell

Others in Attendance: Solid Waste and Recycling Coordinator Pam Roach, Commission Clerk Gerry Tobin

1. Call to Order

Mr. Howland called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Review Minutes of January 19, 2009

Ms. Hoffman made a motion to approve the minutes of January 19, 2010. Ms. Mattei seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

3. Old Business

Ms. Schlein wrote a letter to the businesses along the Farmington Canal Greenway that were keeping their properties clean. Clerk Tobin will send a copy of the letter with the list of businesses it was sent to, to Mr. Howland. Mr. Howland walked in the area behind Stop & Shop and it looks 100% better than it did the day of the cleanup. The properties that were in good shape still are.

Mr. Howland thanked Ms. Roach for doing a wonderful job seeing that all of the items brought up at the last meeting were taken care of within a week. Issues included tires, an

abandoned car, overflowing trash barrels, etc. Some of these issues existed for months. Regarding the abandoned car at 831 Wintergreen Avenue, each property is allowed to have one unregistered car on the property. In this case, the house is in foreclosure and the owner can't be found. The Town is working on it. Ms. Roach said Public Works and Trashmaster both came through and picked up the trash.

Mr. Howland said Mr. O'Donnell was going to draft a letter to the people who were not keeping up their properties, but that has not been done yet.

Mr. Howland will discuss the letter about the summer concerts with the Mayor, who said he will personally handle some of these issues. A subcommittee of the Commission will meet with Arts Coordinator Mimsie Coleman. Ms. Hoffman, Ms. Schlein, Mr. Howland and Ms. Roach will attend this meeting.

Mr. Howland said Beth Studniarski of Youth Services is the only person who has contacted him regarding a the coalition. Letters were sent to Frank Cooper, Pam Roach, Beth Studniarski and Julie Smith. Ms. Roach suggested that the letter that went out about forming a coalition should be sent out to the neighborhood groups, churches, etc. Ms. Hoffman said that we first need a core group to create the plan, and then we would bring the other people in. There was discussion on how to proceed with getting our townspeople involved in keeping the Town clean. Legislative Council Representatives would also be good contacts. Ms. Schlein invited Gabe Lupo to attend our meeting, but because we had to change our meeting date, he had a conflict. He will be at our March meeting.

Ms. Hoffman brought up the information she sent to Chris Marchand about a proposal for his CDBG program.

Mr. Howland said what we want to do is to get Hamden residents to pick up after themselves. He said the Town has to lead the effort.

Ms. Roach said that Bill Sikorsky is monitoring the public trash cans.

Mr. Howland said our goal is to set up a permanent mechanism to make sure the whole Town is working together on these issues. Town Departments have to participate.

4. New Business

Copies of an Email from a Quinnipiac student about their service day on Saturday April 10th between 10 and 1 p.m. were distributed. That might be a good day for our first cleanup. Mr. Howland will reach out to Quinnipiac for our first cleanup. By the next meeting the we should have some locations suggested for the first cleanup.

Ms. Hoffman referred back to Old Business regarding. She thanked Ms. Mattei for getting the letter written to Frank Cooper. It was sent out on February 11th.

There was discussion on the ideas presented to Chris Marchand.

Ms. Schlein wrote to Gabe Lupo, whose campaign for reelection to the Legislative Council included discussion on blight in Town. Ms. Schlein said when he comes to our

meeting we will present our concerns and ask for his ideas. Mr. Howland will contact the Mayor again regarding the list of properties from Ms. Creane. Ms. Mattei said we have to create a positive image with Mr. Lupo and not appear to be whining. We want to work and we need to get people to listen.

Ms. Hoffman mentioned that Al Gorman commented when Commission reappointments were before the Legislative Council, that ours is a hands on group and they do a good job.

Ms. Roach mentioned that a Dixwell Avenue business man wants the public trash can in front of his business moved. Ms. Roach is looking into the situation. He owns a pizza restaurant at 1216 Dixwell Avenue near Circular Avenue.

There was discussion of a missing street sign on Benham Street at a curve right before a street intersects with Benham.

5. Adjournment

Mr. Jordan made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Muley seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by:

Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk