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CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION

“OUR TOWN, OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, KEEP HAMDEN CLEAN”

Minutes: The Clean & Green Commission, Town of Hamden, held a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the third floor conference room, Hamden Government Center. The following issues were discussed:

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

1. Call to Order

Mr. Howland called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and introduced new Commissioner John Prete

2. Review Minutes of March 15, 2010

Ms. Hoffman made a motion to approve the minutes of March 15, 2010. Ms. Schlein seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

3. Old Business

Cleanup Discussion

Commissioners discussed the fact that if the cleanups were sponsored by an entity other than the Commission, the Commission can get around the requirement of having 3 town employees and a truck for Saturday cleanup, saving the Town money.

The April 10th cleanup was successful, except that the Quinnipiac students that were scheduled to help at the Putnam Avenue area location didn't show up, even though Mr. Howland had given the contact person his phone number and Mr. O'Donnell's number.

2010 Cleanup Schedule

The dates below are tentative depending on the availability of a sponsoring organization.

Dates other than July, when the Commission will be cleaning up after the summer concerts.

Cleanups will be held on June 5th, September 18th and October 23rd.
October 23rd

Mr. Howland announced that he, Ms. Hoffman and Ms. Schlein met with Mimsie Coleman and had a very productive meeting. Ms. Coleman agreed not to schedule the use of the park on July Saturdays prior to 1:00 p.m. She will also have bags, etc. available for the cleanup.

The concert schedule is as follows: Air Force Band 2nd; The Turtles July 9th, Daryl Hall July 16th, Santana July 24th and Tower of Power on July 31st. The Volunteer Firemen clean up after the July 2nd Fireworks.

Ms. Hoffman said Ms. Coleman also mentioned that she would mention the Clean & Green Commission at every opportunity.

Earth Day

Ms. Hoffman announced that the Commission will be manning our table, encouraging attendance at the Orchid Awards and participation in scavenger hunt. Ms. Schlein is holding a name the mascot contest. Mr. Muley will be available to assist at 1:30 p.m. Mr. O'Donnell – 10:00, Mr. Jordan – noon, Ms. Schlein – noon, Ms. Mattei will be there in the morning, Ms. Serrano Alvarado will be there at 11:00, Mr. Prete will help with the breakdown in afternoon, and Mr. Palmieri will help mid morning. Ms. Nadon is a volunteer that will assist.

Properties not being kept up

This item is still open and there has been no response from Ms. Creane or the Mayor. Ms. Hoffman mentioned that she spoke to the Mayor after Dunbar Hill Neighborhood Association meeting, and mentioned that we still didn't have a reply. Mayor Jackson said he would mention this to Ms. Creane. We will again let the Mayor know we are waiting, but perhaps we should submit an FOI. Mr. Howland will look into that.

Ms. Schlein said that one of Mr. Lupo's campaign promises was regarding blight, which is also one of our concerns. We want him to come to our meeting and ask him for his ideas and tell him ours. He agreed to come, we postponed our meeting due to weather, we rescheduled and it was on a Legislative Council night, and now the budget hearings are in progress. We will invite him for May meeting. The budget has to be done by May 15th and our meeting is on the 17th.

Mr. Howland mentioned that there is \$400 in donations in the Commission's account, and we should think of ways to spend it.

There was discussion on the Commission's participation in the 2011 Memorial Day and Columbus Day Parades.

Ms. Hoffman met with those receiving Orchid Awards and she will do a press release.

Ms. Serrano Alvarado asked about the mascot. Ms. Schlein said she is having a contest for 14 and under to name mascot, which is now painted green.

Ms. Hoffman suggested Kevin White Restorations as a sponsor. Ms. Schlein mentioned her own business, plus another suggestion.

Ms. Roach mentioned the problem with the bags not being picked up on Benham Street after the cleanup. She said there was a miscommunication, and she apologized.

Earth Day

Ms. Roach said CTV arrive at 11:00 a.m. to videotape Earth Day, and she will stay with them and have a schedule for them. The videotape will be going to Washington to the Global Day of Conversation. It will be a one hour program.

Ms. Hoffman said the plants from Paradise nursery are all set.

4. New Business

Between now and the next meeting of the Commission, we need to find sponsors, plan parade participation, etc. Mr. Howland said his significant other had a great idea. When we do a cleanup, we should put a sign there saying “this property cleaned by concerned volunteers” or something similar. Ms. Roach mentioned that we would have to get permission to place the signs. Commissioners thought it was a great idea. Ms. Serrano Alvarado suggested the Commission start keeping track of how many bags we collect. Mr. Howland said this would be good to put in our annual report. 24 bags of trash were collected in the April cleanup.

Mr. Prete said his daughter works for Star 99 and perhaps she could get the Commission some time on the radio show.

Ms. Roach mentioned that Darter specialties made the signs for Earth Day, and had the best price. Their phone number is 203 699-9805. Ms. Hoffman mentioned there is money available from bumper sticker sales, maybe \$40.

Mr. Palmieri suggested name tags for the Commissioners.

5. Adjournment

Mr. Jordan made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Hoffman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk