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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, June 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the 3rd floor conference room, Hamden Government Center. The following issues were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Peter Palmieri, Sandra Serrano Alvarado, Charlene Webb, Agnes Orłowski, Diane Hoffman, Carl Jordan, Marietta Mattei

Commissioners Excused: Scott Howland, Chad McCulley

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

1. Call to Order

Ms. Hoffman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Review Minutes of 5/21/12

Corrections: Page 2, 7th line from top, change people to paper; page 3, halfway down page, remove word are.

Mr. Jordan made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 21st meeting as amended. Ms. Orłowski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

3. Old Business

There was discussion on the Memorial Day Parade. Commissioners said the kids who marched with them had a great time. The kids did a great job with their cheers, etc.

Mayor Jackson's article on keeping our Town Clean was in the paper. It was also on the Hamden Patch

Project Green Cleanup – Ms. Orłowski, Ms. Serrano Alvarado and Mr. Jordan went to help with the last minute Project Green cleanup, but there was no one there. Commissioners felt First Street needed to be cleaned. Mr. Jordan mentioned that the gutters and sewer drains are filled with litter. Ms. Mattei and Ms. Orłowski will help with the Project Green cleanup on June 30th.

The article offering a tree was printed on the Hamden Patch. Ms. Roach received a couple of requests. One was from 45 Killdeer Road. The owner wants to purchase a tree and have it planted by a professional landscaper.

Ms. Hoffman is still trying to get a contact for the Lions Club tree program. Jon Arrigone is a contact. The Lions Club meets at Sergio's Restaurant. They have a world wide tree planting program their goal is to plant one million trees worldwide. Ms. Hoffman will try to reach Mr. Arrigone.

The tree article will be in the Post Chronicle this week. Mr. Howland suggested we get a subcommittee set up to review the sites. Ms. Mattei and Mr. Jordan will serve on the subcommittee. Ms. Roach will email suggestions to Mr. Jordan and Ms. Mattei. We have to call Call Before you Dig prior to planting. Broken Arrow Nursery will choose the tree. Applications have to be in by the end of July.

Ms. Mattei said Mr. Howland was very disappointed in the turnout of this Commission at HazWaste Central. He was the only one that showed up early from the Commission. Ms. Mattei went at 10:30 a.m. This was a very poor turnout and Mr. Howland was very upset. There should be 4-5 people covering at all times according to Ms. Roach.

4. New Business

Ms. Hoffman reminded Commissioners that the concerts are coming up in July and we cleanup on Saturdays. July 7, 14, 21 and 28 are the scheduled concerts. Mr. Jordan will try to make all of them. Ms. Mattei can't do the 14th, Ms. Hoffman, Ms. Orłowski and Ms. Webb can do them all. Ms. Serrano Alvarado might be able to do the 7th, but she isn't sure she can be there at 7:30 a.m.

Ms. Hoffman would like to take before and after pictures. Ms. Mattei wants to be sure announcements are made at the concerts about cleaning up after themselves.

There was discussion about littering.

Ms. Roach's Update – Ms. Roach thanked those who helped out at HazWaste Central.

Bumper Stickers – Mr. Richards in the IT Department revised the bumper sticker and it has an outline of the map of Hamden on one side and a leaf on the other, and in the middle it says something about keeping Hamden clean and green. Mayor Jackson has about \$500 in the budget to pay for them.

There was discussion about bulk trash in front of a house at Whitney and Ardmore. Ms. Roach put a sticker on it, and the homeowner moved it away from the street.

Ms. Roach sent out some unofficial letter to people who have not been recycling. Bill Sikorsky went out the next day and saw the recycling bins out.

Adam Zonas is doing some research on several houses, and they have a certain length of time to respond. A vacant home at the corner of Wilmot and Pine Rock has a sign on it saying the bank will keep up the property, but there is no contact name on the sign.

Ms. Webb asked about the litter bins on Dixwell Avenue that people are using as dumpsters. Ms. Roach said they are working on it. Ms. Webb said some of the businesses in the area don't have dumpsters and she feels that the businesses are putting their trash in the public cans. Ms. Roach said some of the trash is put near the trash bin by the residential tenants on the second floor of the building.

Ms. Hoffman suggested we look at the ordinance and see how it could be changed. Ms. Roach suggested Ms. Webb try to determine the name of the businesses and the addresses so she can go out to look.

Ms. Orłowski received an email from a neighbor regarding putting mulch around the new trees on the Farmington Canal Trail. Public Works has been mowing the trail more than usual, but one of her neighbors that has organized many cleanups on the trail, took issue as to how they weed whacked around the trees, taking some of the bark off. Her neighbor would like to have permission to mulch the area around the trees and hand weed. Ms. Roach will check into this.

5. Adjournment

Ms. Mattei made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Orłowski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Submitted by:

Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk