

# CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION

*OUR TOWN, OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, KEEP HAMDEN CLEAN & GREEN*

Informal Notes: The Clean & Green Commission held a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 19, 2014 in the third floor conference room, Hamden Government Center. The following issues were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Carl Jordan, Sandra Serrano Alvarado, Lisa Feliconio,

Commissioners Absent: Mary Solis (excused), Agnes Orłowski, Peter Palmieri

## 1. Call to Order

Ms. Serrano Alvarado called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

## 2. Review Minutes of April 21, 2014

Page 1 under Old Business – 4<sup>th</sup> line, remove sentence “We were not successful...” and move sentence beginning “Ms. Serrano Alvarado wanted a group ...”, adding because we were too disbursed” to that location.

## 3. Old Business

Ms. Serrano Alvarado submitted application for Memorial Day Parade. Several commissioners will march. Ms. Roach delivered the banner to commissioners.

### Leaf Pickup

Ms. Serrano Alvarado said Public Works picked up the leaves on her street this week. Mr. Jordan mentioned that his street was picked up too. Ms. Serrano Alvarado said the bags were out for a long time and had broken apart and leaves were all over the street.

### Town Gardener

Ms. Baumgartner has an account with Paradise Nurseries in Hamden for the purchase of plants.

### Concert Cleanups

Ms. Coleman contacted Ms. Serrano Alvarado about cleanups after the concerts. Ms. Serrano Alvarado told her that we were willing to help on Saturday mornings in July.

### Bulk Trash

Ms. Roach reported that bulk trash is done and stickers have been placed on illegal or late trash. She had nothing else to report. Ms. Roach asked commissioners to contact her if they notice any bulk trash remaining. There was discussion regarding the trash carts.

Ms. Roach thanked the commissioners for their participation in Earth Day. We are over the hump with the trash carts, but we have ordered more 64 gallon barrels. We still receive 15-30 calls a day about the new carts. Some residents want smaller carts. The Town is ordering 100 48 gallon trash and 50 smaller recycling carts.

### Woodin Street Fence

Ms. Serrano Alvarado mentioned that she feels Woodin Street is getting too commercial. There will be

more litter, more traffic, and safety is a concern. She feels the commission should send a letter to the mayor regarding the traffic and the consequences of the traffic. Mr. Jordan said we can't address the problems before they arise. There was lengthy discussion.

#### Sponsored Cleanups

Ms. Serrano Alvarado would like to see a cleanup together for June, but we need a sponsor. Mr. Jordan said he spoke to Father Sharkey and the head of the new Knights of Columbus Chapter at St. Rita's. He hasn't heard back. He also spoke to Josephine O'Neil at the Elks Club and they will put it in their bulletin and try to get a couple of people together. Ms. Roach suggested asking the people that signed up to volunteer at the Earth Day celebration if they belong to any organization that might be willing to sponsor. A neighborhood association can also be a sponsor. Ms. Roach will be speaking at the Spring Glen Civic Association and will mention it. Mr. Jordan will probably attend that meeting.

Ms. Serrano Alvarado mentioned that she would like to see a meeting of all of the environmental commissions so we can learn what each group does.

There was discussion regarding the questions that came up at the March meeting, including the letter from Mayor Jackson and the Commission to local businesses.

Ms. Roach mentioned that paint can be brought to paint stores and/or HazWaste Central for disposal. Mattresses can still be put out for bulk trash but they can be brought to the transfer station probably after July 1<sup>st</sup> when the new law goes into effect. Carpet will be the next item to be legislated.

4. New Business

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk