

CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION

OUR TOWN, OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, KEEP HAMDEN CLEAN & GREEN

MINUTES: The Clean & Green Commission held a Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 15, 2014 in the third floor conference room, Hamden Government Center. The following issues were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Pat Palmieri, Carl Jordan, Lisa Feliconia, Agnes Orłowski, Sandra Serrano Alvarado, Mary Solis

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

1. Call to Order

Ms. Serrano Alvarado called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

2. Review Minutes of July 21, 2014

Ms. Orłowski made a motion to approve the minutes of July 21, 2014. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

3. Old Business

Regarding the last concert cleanup, it was raining on the Saturday morning. Ms. Serrano Alvarado and a friend of Mr. Jordan, Richard, did the cleanup. Other commissioners felt the cleanup would not be held because of the rain. The forecast called for the rain to end at 10:00 a.m., and they could have done the cleanup at 11:00. Ms. Serrano said in the future we will make arrangements in case of rain.

Commissioners mentioned that after the movie Frozen the park was still a mess several days later. The Town Center Park commission should make sure arrangements are in place for cleaning up. One of the commissioners went there to walk her dog and it was so bad, she didn't stay, although she and her dad did pick up some items.

Brooksville Fall Festival – Saturday, 9/27 11-4 – set up at 10ish

Ms. Serrano Alvarado has a magazine/coloring book with pages that can be used. Ms. Solis will bring the crayons and Ms. Roach will make the copies and drop them off to Bob Marks for this event. The rain date for the Festival is Sunday, September 28th. Ms. Solis, Mr. Jordan, Ms. Serrano Alvarado and Ms. Feliconia plan to help. The small banner will be used, and Mr. Jordan will bring clamps for attaching it to the table. Mr. Palmieri suggested someone arrive very early to get a table under the tent.

HazWaste Hometown Day

This turned out to be a nice day, but not as busy as last year.

Ms. Serrano Alvarado asked Ms. Roach about the composters. She has not received any information to date. Mr. Jordan said people are using the recyclable leaf bags, but are sealing them with duct tape, which is not compostable. You can't seal the leaf bags with duct tape, or the bags have to go into the

trash. Ms. Roach will see that that message gets into the press releases.

4. Ms. Roach's Report

Ms. Roach reported that HazWaste Central went well and she thanked the volunteers. The Brooksvale Fall Festival will be fun, with a lot going on and a lot of people. Attendance grows every year.

The bulk trash collection is coming up again for the month of October. Ms. Roach said the recycling and trash cart program is leveling off. The Town has purchased some of the 45 gallon containers for the elderly and others who can't manage the larger carts. There was discussion on the rear yard pickup, which most towns do not have and which is very expensive. Commissioners felt it was a wonderful service, but thought most people have someone who could put their trash out for them.

There was discussion on the positive comments the Town receives on the trash master employees.

5. New Business

Ms. Serrano Alvarado thought Mr. Leng might be at this meeting and had a list of followup questions. One questions was about beautification efforts with Public Works and Parks. Another was about the street scape at the four corners of Whitney and Dixwell Avenues. The weeds at the island at the Dixwell Avenue intersection were discussed. Mr. Jordan said he can get a sponsor for a cleanup and perhaps the Centerville area can be cleaned. He will present some dates to his friend at the Elks. Other items for followup are traffic calming for Woodin Street; graffiti removal including from the AT&T boxes, traffic signs, etc. Ms. Roach suggested Ms. Serrano Alvarado put these items in writing and email to Ms. Roach for discussion with Mr. Leng. Perhaps he can be available for the October 20th meeting.

The Commission is in need of five new members. A press release specifically for potential Clean & Green members including an invitation to attend our meetings to see the workings of the commission was suggested.

Ms. Roach printed up a four page handout for distribution at the Brooksvale Fall Festival. It consists of suggestions for a greener Hamden.

5. Adjournment

Mr. Palmieri made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk