

# CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION

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

**MINUTES:** The Clean & Green Commission held a Special Meeting on Monday, April 6, 2015 in the third floor conference room, Hamden Government Center. The following issues were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Peter Palmieri, Mary Solis, Sandra Serrano Alvarado, Lisa Feliconio, Carl Jordan, Marcia Smith

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

1. Call to Order

Ms. Serrano Alvarado called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Earth Day

Ms. Serrano Alvarado had letters to hand out for those participating in the scavenger hunt. She will try to locate the banner. Mr. Palmieri will cover the table from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and his wife might be able to help out. Mr. Jordan will work from 8:30 to noon and will deliver the flowers to the Middle School. Ms. Feliconio will do 10-2. Ms. Serrano Alvarado will do 12-3. Ms. Smith will be there from 12-3.

Ms. Solis suggested for next year we should have our nomination for the Orchid Awards ready by November, before the snow falls. Mr. Jordan suggested Cafe Amici's Restaurant at the corner of Whitney and Hawthorne, as he has suggestementioned in the past. Ms. Serrano Alvarado will send Mr. Jordan a previous writeup and he will tailor it to Amici's. He will also contact the owner of Amici's to see if he will be available for the presentation. Curt Leng will probably present the award since the Mayor will be leaving office two days prior.

The sculpture project that Ms. Serrano Alvarado had originally suggested will have to wait until next year. There was discusssion on members children helping build the sculpture. Ms. Roach will try to find some giveaways for the table at Earth Day. Ms. Serrano Alvarado has bumper stickers and pencils. and soil for the plants. She will contact Paradise Nurseries to remind them about their donation of plants. Mr. Palmieri suggested a sign up sheet for volunteers. Ms. Solis will pick up the cups. Ms. Solis and her daughter, Ms. Feliconio and her daughter and Ms. Serrano Alvarado will meet at the gazebo on Thursday evening, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to put the plants into the cups. Ms. Feliconio will print out labels for the cups indicating the plants were donated by Paradise Nurseries. Clean & Green's question for the scavenger hunt will be regarding cigarettes. Ms. Roach will prepare several copies of the answer sheet.

This year's Earth Day event will include a tag sale along the sidewalk outside the cafeteria. Entertainment will include birds of prey, jugglers, a magic show, food vendors. The Goodwill truck will be available for donations. There will also be a collection for gently used children books. They will be selling composters this year for \$20 which includes a kitchen pail. There will be recycling for batteries, unused prescription meds, crushing of harddrives, etc.

Ms. Smith suggested photos be taken of activities to post on the Town's Facebook Page.

Ms. Roach announced that the Town and the Board of Education will be kicking off an anti litter campaign. Public Works and Parks will have all hands on deck and try to get businesses and residents to participate. The campaign will be tied in to Earth Day and flyers will be distributed at the Earth Day Celebration. Chanel 8 and WQUN will announce the campaign.

2. Review Minutes of January 20, 2015

**Mr. Palmieri made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2015 meeting. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.**

3. Old Business

Memorial Day Parade

There was discussion on commission members marching in the Memorial Day Parade. Ms. Solis and Ms. Feliconio will march with their daughters. Mr. Jordan and Ms. Serrano Alvarado will also participate. Ms. Smith is not sure.

4. New Business

Mr. Leng was looking for some beautification ideas for in front of the Police Department. Mr. Palmieri mentioned the pothole on Woodin Street.

In response to Ms. Tobin's suggestions, Mr. Leng agreed it was a good idea to have Ms. Baumgartner, the town gardener, attend one of the commission's meetings to determine how the commission might help with beautification efforts. Ms. Roach will contact Ms. Baumgartner. He also agreed that a joint meeting with the Tree Commission was a good idea. Mr. Leng also mentioned that a notice soliciting new members was placed in the local newspapers.

There was discussion on having designated areas for smoking in town parks.

Ms. Roach announced that potential new member Betsy Yagla's appointment will be before the Legislative Council. Ms. Roach also reminded commissioners to talk up Clean & Green at Earth Day. We are still in need of four new members.

Ms. Serrano Alvarado mentioned that there is someone willing to donate bags and gloves for cleanups. She will make arrangements to pick them up.

Ms. Solis mentioned that at the December meeting she said she would speak to Carlos at Splash about sponsoring a cleanup. There is also Q's big event coming up.

Ms. Roach mentioned the Ecoworks event on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Find details on [ecoworks.com](http://ecoworks.com).

5. Adjournment

**Mr. Palmieri made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.**

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