

CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION

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Informal Notes: The Clean & Green Commission held a Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 19, 2016 in the third floor conference room, Hamden Government Center. The following issues were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Ellen Endriss, Betsy Yagla, Richard Beck, Salman Hamid

Commissioners Excused: Lisa Feliconio, Carl Jordan

Commissioners Absent: Marcia Smith

1. Call to Order

Ms. Endriss called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. Review Minutes of July 18, 2016

Change title of "Minutes" to Informal Notes as a quorum was not present.

3. Old Business

Ms. Endriss reported that the HazWaste Hometown Day went well with 200-300 cars coming through. It was very hot, and there was a line of cars waiting for the 9:00 opening when commissioners arrived at 8:15, so they opened a little early.

4. New Business

Brooksvale Fair this Saturday, September 24th. Commissioners decided not to host a table at this event.

Project 365 will take place on October 8th. Patunia of Youth Services would like commissioners to lead groups again this year. The cleanup will take place at Brooksvale Park from 10:00 a.m. To 2:00 p.m. Ms. Endriss, Mr. Beck, Mr. Hamid will be there, and Ms. Yagla might be there. Project 365 is a big event with Youth Services, Police, Quinnipiac students and others participating.

Commissioners decided that they will not place an ad in the Columbus Day Ad Book

Grace & St. Peters might be a good resource for next year as a sponsor for a cleanup.

We have a sponsor for a cleanup on October 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Mr. Hamid is their leader. He has started a non-profit called American Muslims United of Connecticut, in order to encourage youth in the Hamden community to give back. The exact location of the cleanup will be communicated by email. Ms. Yagla noted that the Hamden Plains Neighborhood Association is meeting next Monday, and Ms. Yagla will let them know about the cleanup once the area is confirmed. It will be somewhere in the area of Circular Avenue. There was discussion about putting some flyers out in the location of the cleanup in the hope that some residents might want to participate.

Mr. Kinlock mentioned that beautification is part of the commission's mission. There was discussion on things the commission might be able to do, including plantings, workshops, speakers on the right

trees for the right locations, rain gardens, invasive species, rain barrels, etc.

There was discussion on CLEAR – the Center for Land Use Education and Research, and CIRCA which has some grant funds for climate resilience projects.

Mr. Kinlock noted that compost bins were purchased previously through a grant. It was felt a composting workshop would help. Mr. Kinlock is taking a master composting class through the University of Connecticut. The program consists of six classes.

Ms. Endriss is planning to attend the HazWaste Meeting. She is an alternate for Mr. Kinlock. Ms. Endriss is also starting CERT Training.

The next meeting of the commission will be held on October 17th. We are hoping for good attendance and perhaps new members.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk