

WESTWOOD ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Westwood EAC Monthly Meeting Minutes January 2018

Meeting Date: January 22, 2018

Meeting Location: Westwood Borough Hall

Meeting Opening & Roll Call

Monthly Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) Meeting was called to order at 1935 EST by Chair Guderian of the EAC . . . “This meeting, which conforms to the OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW, CHAPTER 231, PUBLIC LAWS OF 1975, is a regular Environmental Committee meeting. Notices have been filed with our local official newspapers and posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board.”

Roll Call			<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Jeanne Guderian, Chair	(JG)		X	
Christine Blaney	(CB)		X	
Peter Grefrath, Committee Liaison	(PG)		X	
Norel Blundo	(NB)		X	
Boniface Kiamue	(BK)			X
Angel Nass	(AN)			X
Wilhelm Wang, Minutes, Secretary	(WW)			X
Philip Biccocchi, Chair, Student member	(PB)		X	

Point of Order

In Secretary Wang’s absence, the Chair asked Mr. Grefrath to maintain the minutes for the January meeting.

Swearing in of Members

Liaison Grefrath asked NB and PB to sign their “Oaths of Office” and in AN’s absence, he will get her signature at later date and deliver all three to the Clerk. He swore in PB on the Bible during the meeting.

Public Forum

Public Forum was opened, discussion took place, and was moved for closure.

- One member of the public, David Brizzolara, was present and after being introduced, a light conversation among the guest and the Committee ensued.
- Dave said he might be interested in joining either the EAC or The Green Team.

Member	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Blaney			✓			
Grefrath		✓	✓			
Chair Guderian			✓			
Blundo			✓			
Kiamue					✓	
Nass					✓	
Wang					✓	
Biccocchi	✓					

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Passing of the Minutes

The December 2017 minutes were passed with one adjustment by NB and ready to be sent to the Clerk.

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Blaney			✓			
Grefrath			✓			
Chair Guderian			✓			
Blundo	✓		✓			
Kiamue					✓	
Nass					✓	
Wang					✓	
Bicocchi		✓				

Committee Liaison's Report

Mr. Grefrath provided updates on the following to the EAC:

- Mentioned that he did not make a report to the Governing Body since the January EAC meeting was being held on the 4th Monday due to the Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday and subsequently occurred after the Council Public Meeting in January.

Old Business

Community Garden Report:

- NB asked how we were getting information out to the public regarding the Community Garden and available plots. A conversation ensued.

Rain Garden Project: (CB)

- CB said there was no additional information to discuss at this time.

The Green Team: (JG)

- JG reported that she as the EAC's representative for The Green Team and that it was eagerly looking for at least one member from all of Westwood's Active Committees to join.
- JG said that The Green Team was looking for a new, more appropriate name than The Green team, that its target is Silver Accreditation although it may or may not be worth the amount of effort and resources necessary for the eventual benefit, and that The Green Team is focusing more on what is beneficial to Westwood residents and not necessarily accreditation.

Trex Reusable Bags Program – Public Education and Outreach: (JG/AN)

- JG reported that the current total for January is 257 pounds of plastic toward our 500 pound goal.

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- JG led a discussion of where a third bench should be placed and the Westwood Post Office, Westwood Avenue, Outside the Community Center, and the 3rd Avenue/Mill Street Bus Stop were among the possible locations. More discussion to come.
- JG is developing a sign that highlights the importance of collecting single-use bags to be placed on top of the collection boxes.
- The group agreed that a good location for the final collection box was on the Meeting Room side of the Community Center to compliment the one on the Gym side.

Complete Streets Program: (WW/AN)

- No report.

Pride Day Booth: (NB)

- NB continued her discussion started at the December meeting regarding how she would like to tie the theme of “Certified Wildlife Habitats” into the 2018 booth, specifically residents creating something in their back yards. By planting useful plants.
- CB asked if the Rain Garden qualifies as a “Certified Garden?”

New Business

Composting: (WW)

- No report.

Pesticide Uses: (CB/WW)

- No report, although PB asked if the Rec Board should be involved.

ANJEC:

- The Committee discussed the values of an ANJEC membership, using some of its budget for a membership. It was dropped.

Meeting adjourned, motioned by CB and seconded by JG promptly at 2025.

Next Meeting – Monday, February 26, 2018 Borough Hall at 1930.

Upcoming 2018 Meetings as Scheduled:

March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16 (scheduled, unless voted not to hold), No Meeting in August, September 17, October 15, November 19 (adopt Master Gardiner Resolution), December 17 (vote on 2019 officers)

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