

**OCEAN CITY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Minutes – Tuesday, December 11, 2018**

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM at the Small Room Senior Center.

Roll Call – The following members were present:

Name	Title	Present/Absent	Name	Title	Present/Absent
Chris Halliday	Chairperson	Present	Ed McConnell	Commissioner	Absent
Peter Ault	Commissioner	Absent	Susan Stauffer	Commissioner	Present
Peter Sollazzo	Commissioner	Absent	John Aitken	Commissioner	Present
Richard Bernardini	Commissioner	Absent	Catherine Cipolla	Alternate # 1	Present
Brian Kempf	Alternate # 2	Present	Jessica Fenton	City Liaison	Present
	Student Liaison			Student Liaison	
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Ella Weigel, Fanny Melo, and Vanessa Reyna—seniors from Ocean City High School—and Emma Sardy—a junior from Ocean City High School—were in attendance. These individuals were at the meeting because they were interested in become student liaisons to the Commission.

Open Public Meetings Announcement – Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

Approval of Minutes – Minutes for the meeting of November 13, 2018 were read. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Brian Kempf and seconded by John Aitken. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Pending Business

- Submitted Plan Review
 - Brian Kempf reviewed eight (8) plans and no comments were issued.
- Spring Lecture Series / Outreach
 - Chris Halliday indicated he is coordinating the Commission’s second family-friendly event for Saturday, February 16, 2019, at 10:30 AM, at the Senior Center.
 - Cape May County Zoo-To-You program to have a table set up with some ambassador animals—similar to the table set up at the Green Fair.
 - Commission to offer DIY eco-friendly crafts such as butterflies and octopuses. Other craft ideas which are geared towards animals to be explored.
 - Games, music, and story time to also be incorporated in the event.
 - Flyer for the event to be drafted and reviewed for approval and distribution at the next meeting.

- Brian Kempf contacted Lisa Auermuller from Rutgers University, who is the Watershed Coordinator for the Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve (“JCNERR”). Brian suggested Ms. Auermuller give a lecture about NJ coastal resilience or marine debris, and possibly even speak to our student liaisons about marine and/or environmental science careers and the kind of work that JCNERR does.
 - Commission to determine if a date in February would work with her schedule.
- Brian Kempf reached out Kristina Koreivo, the New Jersey DEP Watershed Ambassador for the Great Egg Harbor River area. Ms. Koreivo expressed interested in giving a lecture.
 - Commission to determine if a date in March would work with her schedule.
- Other movies for the proposed ecology-oriented movie night were discussed, such as Free Willy and The Lorax.
 - Chris Halliday to inquire about availability of the auditorium for a date in March. He will also inquire about availability of different movies which are family friendly and relate to the environment as well as if any food—such as popcorn—is permitted in the auditorium.
- Membership Terms & Student Liaisons
 - Members were reminded that several terms were expiring, and it was necessary to submit applications with the City Clerk’s Office for consideration of appointment/reappointment.
 - All of the students in attendance expressed interest in being student liaisons to the Commission. As such, they were advised that their contact information would be provided to the City so as to make their appointment official.

New Business

- Plastic Bag Fact Sheets
 - It was suggested that if the Commission would like to explore publishing a plastic bag factsheet, the Commission should review the previous flyer which was not approved and suggest revisions. The Commission should also consider drafting a formal explanation to Administration about our approach to plastic bag education.
 - The factsheet could highlight the Ocean City Intermediate School and Ocean City High School’s recycling challenge to collect the most plastic film.
 - Another potential topic for a factsheet was plastic food to-go containers, though it was suggested that there be more investigation into the alternatives as well as any local eateries who have moved towards more sustainable business practices.

- Chris Halliday suggested we revisit the reusable bag idea at the Farmers' Market.
- Green Development Checklist
 - The Commission briefly discussed a Green Development Checklist that assists with encouraging and reviewing submitted plans for green designs strategies. Having such checklist would help the City earn additional points towards Sustainable Jersey certification.
 - Jessica Fenton informed the Commission that the City does not have a Green Development Checklist but she would discuss with the Green Team.
 - It was suggested that the Commission explore implementing a similar checklist for its own plan reviews so as to be consistent and concise.

Public Comment

- None

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 PM. Motion to adjourn was made by Susan Stauffer and seconded by John Aitken. Motion was approved unanimously.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at 6:30 PM, at the Senior Center, in the small lounge room.