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Michael E. Carelli

SUSTAINABLE OAKLAND GREEN TEAM

November 24, 2020 Meeting 7:30 p.m. via ZOOM

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Called to Order at 7:30 p.m. via ZOOM Video Conferencing. Co-Chair Alison Fleeson, Pat Weiman, Rachel Spina, Andrea Levy, and Dana Andro present. Nancy Krause joined at 8:01. Co-Chair Carol Peterson, Elisabeth Ochoa, Marisol Koslovski. Motion to excuse Co-Chair Carol Peterson made by Co-Chair Alison Fleeson and Seconded by Pat Weiman. All in favor. Borough Administrator Liaison Michael Carelli and Council Liaison Pat Pignatelli absent and excused for another Borough Meeting.

Meeting Announcement: This meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Law, duly announced, advertised and posted in the municipal building.

Open to the Public:

- **Motion to open to the public** by Andrea Levy and Seconded by Pat Weiman to open to the public. All in favor.
 - No public present.
- **Motion to close to the public** by Alison Fleeson and Seconded by Pat Weiman to close the public portion. All in favor.

Old Business:

- **2020 Submission Action – Ali:**
 - SJ has approved 410 points in second round of submission. (350 needed for silver). The final certification was due early November and the Borough will hear on the final point tally in December or January.
- **Community Garden – Ali:**
 - Borough Council has fee structure on tonight's agenda. There will be a grand opening in the spring of 2021.
- **Roots for Rivers – Carol:**
 - Sustainable Jersey notified the Borough that the deadline for the Great Oak Park and Roosevelt Boulevard planting is March 30, 2021. There will most likely be a late winter cleanup for both locations.
- **Bird and Bat Boxes – Pat W.:**
 - Coordinating with Recreation Chair Mike Guadagnino approx. \$200 budget for mounting hardware, and an installation date of spring of 2021. Ali requested leftover bat boxes be installed in additional town facilities such as the main rec fields, wells, and Truman. More info is needed regarding safety of animals and the public. Ali suggested an information session with Carol's Bat education colleague, which could satisfy our 'Animals Education' action for 2021.
- **Arts Council – Pat W.:**
 - Creative Bergen is finalizing their bylaws and are trying to partner with 'Arts Bergen', a subcommittee of the NJ Community Foundation, to become a fiscal agent for Creative

Bergen. Benefits for working with Arts Bergen include utilizing their over 1,000 artists in their directory.

- Creative Bergen is working on hosting an ‘Arts Crawl’ in Bergen County in June of 2021 called the “Arts Amble”. Creative Bergen is seeking help with outreach for Oakland residents, and it is noted that the SOGT has no budget money and would have to ask other committees for assistance if Oakland wants to participate as a town. Nancy suggested reaching out to both the music store and the painting store in Copper Tree Mall, and also added that the Oakland Library has always been where the local artists have showcased their work and it might be beneficial to reaching out to the Oakland Public Library (Peter Havel). Ali asked if Pat can reach out to the Library Director Peter Havel. The creation of an arts council was suggested and Ali and Andrea offered to lead. The proposed Council would conduct art related activities and events, projects with children, and once the bandshell is installed, hosting festivals and shows.

New Business:

- **2021 Projects – Ali:**
 - Provided an update on the Sustainable Jersey Certification progress attachment. The Borough is certified for 2 years, but can recertify each year. Nancy added that it is important to stay on top of the actions to maintain your certification levels. The Borough will need to keep 350 points to maintain silver certification.
- **Sustainable Jersey Website Submission Portal Overview:**
 - Gave a brief overview via screenshare with actions for 2021 that have to be resubmitted and new actions that are available.
 - Ali offered to new members to an overview of how Sustainable Jersey Portal works on the portal.
 - Dana suggested educational opportunities for Animals in the Community in the schools. Andrea Levy suggested adding an wildlife educational piece in a new home owner’s water bill.
 - Nancy Krause suggested adding information in the Borough Newsletter.
 - Ali added that the Borough’s potential project for Downtown Revitalization may earn us points through Sustainable Jersey under Complete Streets Policies. Michael and Ali are looking into the Complete Streets Policy and have offered to help with the design selections.
 - There was a discussion on the Innovative Community Project actions and how submission for this action is very broad.
- **2021 FLOW Green Film Festival – Ali:**
 - Need volunteers for 2021 Flow Green Film Festival, hosted by the FLOW towns. Oakland got skipped in 2020 due to COVID-19.
- **Budget:**
 - Ali noted that since the Community Garden is opening, revenue will be coming in from the registration, and a budget will need to be created for the Green Team, where in the past they have not been given a budget.

Motion to Close by Pat Weiman and Seconded by Courtney. All in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Next Meeting on **Tuesday January 26, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. via ZOOM** Video Conferencing.