

Seaside Park Environmental Committee  
Minutes of Regular Meeting February 8, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Ann Hayes at 7:07 pm in Council Chambers, 6th and Central Avenues.

1. Call to Order 7:07 pm
2. Flag Salute
3. Roll Call - Edie Klink

Ann Hayes  
Edie Klink  
Denise Koury  
Maureen O'Haire (excused)  
Lynda Roberts (excused)  
Sherry Villano (excused)  
Greg Penn (excused)  
Ray Amabile

4. Minutes of the January 4, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Old Business

5. Mission Statement was updated for 2017 and approved. In discussing the Short Term goals, Ann discussed the idea that each committee member would adopt ownership of at least one project. All those present agreed. Discussion on #4 (signage) - see Butterfly Garden below. Discussion on #7 (speakers) - an idea for the fall.

6. Butterfly Garden

Ann discussed the garden identification sign for the entrance to the 14th Ave. parking lot with Eric (DPW) and he said once the desired verbiage is sent to him, he will get it to the prison sign shop for completion. As for the sign on the Marina signboard, that will cost about \$125 to be made. We will wait for a full committee meeting in order to have a budget discussion before any decisions about spending money are made.

Ann met with Sue Masoorli from the Beautification Committee to discuss the garden. They agreed that the plantings overall look pretty good - the perennials have maxed out as they grow rather large. Annuals have been the idea for the outer edge of the garden - designed to be attractive and colorful when in bloom. The plan for this spring is to plant in an alternative manner, lantana and vinca, with possibly putting in zinnia and cosmo seeds. We may need to ask the town for some additional mulch. This committee is financially responsible for the garden, while maintaining it is shared by both the Environmental and Beautification Committees.

Edie suggested that since there are 3 people who are members of both committees (Edie, Denise, and Maureen), that one of them serve as the direct liaison between the two. Everyone agreed it is a good idea.

Educational sign for the Garden - Maureen and Ann met with Eric. If we get a sign with a bracket on the back, he will put it on a post. Eric is also willing to put in two cement pads with benches on them in the shell area - to the sides of the sign. It will be a permanent sign with some sort of coating to protect it from the elements. Ann had one quote for an 18" x 24" sign (approximately \$650 which includes the panel, mounting plate, frame, crating, and shipping/handling). Ann will pursue 2 more quotes as well as bring a rough draft of the verbiage for the sign to our March meeting.

Butterfly launch - Maureen and Lynda will work on this project

The idea of holding a contest for kids to design a butterfly magnet was discussed. Ann distributed a flyer with details about the proposed contest. Denise will approach the School Board about the idea (possibly work with the PTO) at their March meeting. The winning design would appear on magnets to be distributed at the butterfly release in June.

#### 7. Application to fill committee vacancy - Jane Mason

We reviewed Jane's application and feel she would be a very good addition to our committee. Ann will email Karen Barna and ask that a motion to approve Jane's application be put on the Council's agenda for their next meeting.

#### 8. Saturday Science program - February 11 - presentation by the Army Corps of Engineers on the dune replenishment program.

Ann will be attending to gain information and see if this might be a program we would like to sponsor here, if that were to be possible.

#### 9. Update on local EC committees, projects, programs

Greg is handling this so an update will wait until he returns.

#### 10. Project to exchange plastic caps for a bench

Edie distributed a handout with all the information from Green Tree Plastics. They will not give out the names of any groups participating in the project. There are numerous details to discuss before we decide to undertake this project, so the idea is currently tabled.

## New Business

### 1. Living Shoreline projects

These projects involve putting something (not a hard surface) out in the water - in our case, the bay - which will collect sand and plant matter to keep the water from crashing up on the land and taking sand away. Instead these projects actually increase the size of the bay front land areas.

The Army Corps of Engineers has a new permitting process regarding this. Our role as the Environmental Committee is to inform the Town Council about this type of information. Ann has sent this info to the Council.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm. MMB Denise/2nd Edie

Respectfully submitted,  
Edie Klink