

## Sustainable Audubon Meeting Agenda for June 7, 2023

Attendees: Ann Gillespie (AG); Cheryl Hauske (CH); Jeanne Mugler (JM); Sandy Perchetti (SP); Elizabeth Quinn (EQ); Terry Sugihara (TS)

1. Paper Shredding Event and Electronic Waste Recycling Event is scheduled for Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 9:00 to 12:00 at the Audubon Municipal Building parking lot. It is a joint event with Haddon Heights. CH will be coordinating with John Martorano, Jr. (JMa). Flyer is under development by SP and will be coordinated with Dani Ingves (DI).
2. Rain Garden and Butterfly/Pollinator Garden update:
  - a. Butterfly/pollinator garden was planted and fenced on June 1, 2023
  - b. Monarch Waystation sign subsequently installed after planting.
  - c. Mulching of Green Wave Park rain garden to be discussed when Aimee Bentley (AB) is available. This will include the mulch being stored in the Shed as well as the potential use of the wood chips currently in the Department of Public Works (DPW) yard.
3. Shade Tree program update (to include Monkey Island planting proposal) and funding options discussion to be done at the next meeting when AB is available.
4. Trex bench/plastic recycling update:
  - a. Recycling amount for May is 345 lbs.
  - b. JM will be confirming exact amounts of SA contribution to Oaklyn Green Team. Current plan is for the last transfer to be made in June. Oaklyn indicated they will be discontinuing their collections at the end of the current cycle at the end of August.
5. Sustainable Audubon (SA) Flower and Vegetable Sale had an estimated \$700 in sales. Thanks to CH, JM, AG, Peggy Slack (PS), Maryann Topham (MT1), and Marianne Troutt (MT2) for making this a successful event. Mum sale in fall proposed.
6. Thank you was sent to Elizabeth Ackroyd and Karen Hickey of the Camden County Certified Gardeners for their native plant and pollinator presentation “How to Create a Backyard Habitat for Monarch Butterflies”.
7. TS will suggest a change in approach to the Community Energy Plan (CEP) work that prioritizes decision making. The intent is to encourage project completion in a timely manner.
8. Sustainable Jersey and PSE&G Energy Efficiency Initiative Program (SJ-PSE&G EEIP) effort update to include post-meeting events: Participation in the program was discussed by the group. Consensus was that SA should withdraw from the program unless concerns

could be addressed. Post-meeting, concerns of SA and the Borough about participating in the program were brought up with Leanne McGowan (LM). LM provided responses which were then preliminarily evaluated by RJ, JM, and TS. Note that LM was speaking on behalf of Sustainable Jersey and not Public Service Electric and Gas. The LM response was then circulated among interested SA members for their review and comment. Subsequent to receiving input, the final decision was made to continue participation in the program, and LM was informed of that.

9. Thanks to AB, AG, and Regina Richards (RR) for doing the Havilland Avenue School Monarch Butterfly event.
10. Thanks to CH, EQ, and RR for replanting the Greater Audubon Business Association (GABA) urns on Merchant Street.
11. Third Friday update and discussion:
  - a. Volunteers requested for June 16, 2023. TS and SP volunteered. Post-meeting it was determined that SA would not attend the June 16<sup>th</sup> event.
  - b. SA will support future Third Friday events when possible.
12. Old business/New business:
  - a. EQ initiated a discussion about potential SA involvement with the Saddler's Woods stormwater effort. The decision was made to hold off at this point.
  - b. SA participation in REACH funding requests to be clarified.
  - c. Update on ST5 status to be requested as this may be creating a sales tax issue with SA.
  - d. Earmark status discussion postponed until RJ is available.
  - e. Discussion about potential electric vehicle charge station plans in conjunction with adjacent towns postponed until RJ is available.
13. The date of the next meeting is 7:00 Wednesday, August 2, 2023 at the Audubon Senior Citizen Center.
14. To do list
  - a. CH to coordinate with JM on details of shredding/E-waste event.
  - b. AB to prepare for tree program discussions.
  - c. TS to propose CEP approach modification.
  - d. TS to reach out to DI on ST5 status.
  - e. TS to continue support for CEP program and SJ PSE&G grant efforts.