

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 AT 7:30 P.M.
OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING**

**VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK
MINUTES OF THE GREEN TEAM
August 27, 2020**

Chair Janet Malool called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m., it having been duly noted that this meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., notice of which was published in The Record and sent to the Star Ledger as well as posted on the Village bulletin board. Members present were: Robert Gonzalez, Janet Malool, Guillermo Lopez-Acosta, Leslie Olson, Dennise Santana. Absent: Janet Harris. Asai Maschang, Flo Muller, Jin Ah Jong, Diane Mancini and Ex Officio Members. Excused: Eric Koenig, Harry Menta, Daniele Fede, Gloria Rivera.

The minutes of the February 27, 2020, meeting were approved on a motion made by Guillermo Lopez-Acosta and seconded by Leslie Olson. All were in favor of the motion.

Janet Malool introduced the two new members present at the meeting. Robert Gonzalez was appointed as a regular member and Dennise Santana was appointed as an associate member. Janet Malool announced that tonight will be a focused meeting so we will not do bills or committee reports for this month only.

Janet distributed some information on SJ to members. One paper was the list of points for bronze and silver certification. The other paper showed the timeline and submission requirements for SJ. The next review of the application is September 11. Janet said she would like all tasks to be completed by Labor Day to give some time to gather further documentation or changes to the application before it is resubmitted. She then went over the actions that were marked for revision:

Municipal Commitments to Support Arts and Creative Culture – 15 points

This action will not be able to be completed by the next deadline. The Master Plan still needs to be adopted before the action will be approved by SJ.

Emergency Communications Planning – 15 points

Janet said this action is 90-95% done. She received the letter from Mike Lauer for OEM that was needed to complete the action. The action will be reviewed one more time to make sure it is complete.

Energy Tracking and Management – 10 points (This is a priority action required for Silver certification.)

Mark Olson has gotten some additional information for this but it is incomplete. The person at the DPW who was going to assist with this action has been out of work due to illness. Janet Malool said she looked up Bogota's submission to see how they did it. She thinks it is doable. She has checked on public buildings.

Public Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure – 15 points

This action will not be completed by the deadline.

Community Gardens – Up to 20 points

Janet will complete this action with Bobby Gonzalez. Right now, it is 80% done.

Create Green Team – 10 points

This action needed an updated letter from the Commissioners and has been completed.

275 Current approved points

45 Points for actions that should be approved:

- 15 Emergency Communications Planning
- 20 Community Gardens
- 10 Create Green Team

320 Points Total

Points for actions that may not be completed:

- 10 points Energy Tracking and Management

Points for actions that will not be completed:

- 15 points Municipal Commitment to Support Arts and Creative Culture
- 15 points Public Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

Janet said she looked to see if there were any easy actions to complete but there did not seem to be any. The Girl Scouts have been doing some clean-up and also put together a pamphlet that included a section about the garden. Janet will try to find the appropriate place to upload this pamphlet.

Janet would like all members to look over the application to see if there are any other actions that can be completed to get enough points for Silver (350) since we are so close. She also asked members to look over any actions to see if there is an action they can fix. Members were told to be careful to save any changes they made to the action but do not hit the submit button otherwise the application is then locked. The GT needs still 20 points to move to silver certification (including the 20 points for Energy Tracking because that would be a priority action for silver).

Veronica Leone, who recently gave a presentation to the GT & EC, will try to attend the next meeting.

A motion was made by Guillermo Lopez-Acosta and seconded by Bobby Gonzalez adjourning the meeting at 8:19. All were in favor of the motion.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. or immediately following the EC meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca