



LONG BRANCH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

November 16, 2009

The regular meeting of the Long Branch Environmental Commission of November 16, 2009 came to order at 7:00PM in the City Hall Caucus Room, 344 Broadway, Long Branch, NJ, having been duly noticed in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act.

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Smiga, (Chair), Faith Teitelbaum (Vice-Chairperson), Rich Garlipp, Richard Lee, Dick Honymar, Ceil Mancini

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jennifer Smiga

ALSO PRESENT: Carol Mellaci (Purchasing Agent), Michele Bernich (Zoning Officer),

2. CORRESPONDENCE

- Brochure from the Monmouth County Green Table Conference, Dec 3 was distributed

3. MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the October 19, 2009 regular meeting. All were in favor of this motion.

4. MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS

Recording Secretary. RG gave notice that he would no longer serve as Recording Secretary for the Commission. CM self-nominated for the position; seconded by FT.

Coastal Monmouth Regional Plan. MB to provide web page to group for review.

Focused Subcommittees. MS proposes three committees to focus on in the short term:

- Energy Efficiency and Transportation
- Natural Resources Management
- Sustainable Jersey

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Stormwater Discharge**
 - RL suggests consideration of filters
 - Consider looking for grants
 - Talk to F. Migliaccio; MB to give FM a heads up
 - Consider meeting in early 2010
 - RL to report back

- **Master Plan Status**
 - On-going
 - Public hearing in January; hopeful adoption in March.

- **2010 Budget**
 - Include ANJEC dues, ERI Costs, ICLEI, Education Trainings and Support
 - Community Partnership and Outreach
 - a) Internal Communication and Public Education
 - b) External Communications with City Departments
 - c) Executive Officers' Administration
 - d) Environmental Commission Green Tour

6. COMMITTEE/LIASON REPORTS

- a. Community Partnership and Outreach: No report.
- b. Energy Efficiency and Transportation (DH):
 - i. Spire has been removed after distruction in a wind storm
 - ii. Contractors have not followed up on their promises.
 - iii. Currently looking into solar and small spire combo.
 - iv. Vision is renewable resource
 - v. Overall objective is to 'light up' the boardwalk.
 - vi. Additional discussion on passing 'wind' ordinance; Ocean Gate currently has a model.
- c. Greenhouse Gas Grants for Reduction: No report
- d. Natural Resource Management (FT)
 - i. Slide show on rain gardens
 - ii. Discussion of timeline
 - iii. Team to provide 'proposal' to Mayor in January.
 - iv. Detail of informational kiosk to be provided
 - v. Wetlands to be resolved by December.
- e. Municipality Operation and Maintenance: No report
- f. Land Use and Ordinances: No report
- g. Planning Board: No report.
- h. Zoning Board of Adjustment: No report.
- i. City Initiatives: 2010 Budget amount preliminary estimate for city review ;
Master Plan update

7. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting; seconded. All were in favor of this motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Minutes respectfully prepared by Ceil Mancini, Recording Secretary.

