

Montclair Environmental Commission Minutes – June 2, 2021

Zoom Meeting:

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Type of Meeting: Monthly

Facilitator: Ben Rich

Note Taker: Nicol Sobczyk

Voting Commissioners: Suzanne Aptman (Co-Chair), Ben Rich (Co-Chair), Nicol Sobczyk (Secretary), Keith Brodock (Planning Board Liaison), Lyle Landon, Imke Oster, Janine Salvador (Webmaster)

Alternates: Mac Carbonnell, Bill Martens (absent)

Montclair Liaison - Gray Russell (Montclair Sustainability Officer)

Township Council Liaison: Sean Spiller (Mayor)

Guests: Peter Holm (Quiet Montclair), David Korfhage (MCA), Alison Tribus (MCA)

Call the meeting to order: Time 7:34pm

This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was published on the Montclair Township website home page, Montclair Local, MEC website & Facebook.

7:30 - Welcome & Introductions Ben

7:35 - Approval May 2021 Minutes – Nicol; Approved.

7:40 - Reports/Updates (input/decision/action needed; action completed)

1. Commissioner term dates, confirmation for website; Janine
2. Energy:
 - a. EV Ordinance for multi-use and multi-family charging stations
 - i. Draft V5 introduced
 - ii. Next steps:
 1. Ben may review with BID
 2. Keith & Ben to ensure this is in line with existing town ordinances
 - b. Climate project
 - i. Suzanne and Ben discussed process for Plan development and resolution draft for commitment with Council members.
 1. MEC's intention is to limit the scope to the strategies/actions that will move the needle on emissions greatest and fastest, compared to other Town's plan which are very broad in scope and therefore difficult to achieve.
 2. Prioritization in the following sectors = building and transportation accounts for 90% emissions
 - ii. Climate Action Plan will be living / breathing:
 1. Annual review
 2. Can be adapted
 - iii. Feedback:
 1. Can this be considered a sustainability element of the township master plan? elements of the CAP into the Master Plan. This is more action oriented than a Master Plan. Ben & Suzanne may discuss with Janice.

- iv. MEC members voted that the Proposal and draft Resolution can move to the education committee of Township council for consideration.
- v. Next step: Suzanne and Ben to move forward to the education committee: Mayor Spiller, Councilors Abrams, Schlager; and coordinate the process

3. Waste:

- a. Styrofoam recycling
 - i. Kicking off June 5 @ 9am.
 - ii. MEC volunteer sign-up sheet [here](#).
 - iii. Foam pack in Union County will be doing the recycling.
 - b. Monster cartridge recycling – Deputy Mayor Hurlock supporting; no updates for startup at this time.
4. [Burnside Ave.](#); Lyle – Trees & Natural Resources/[Imke](#) to follow up with Councilor Schlager on updates from April report; check whether any support necessary from MEC (can offer expertise on stormwater management).
5. Solar panels for schools – discussed needs for funding with senator (no more than \$6M expected). Estimated cost of general upgrades to schools = \$100M. [Energy committee](#) to follow up.

Calendar

- June 1-5; NJ Bike Walk Summit
- Styrofoam recycling drop-off at Community Services Yard: Saturdays in June & July; 9am to 12pm
- June 12, 1-4pm; Bullock Eco-Fair

Adjournment [8:49 pm](#)

Next Meeting: July 7, 2021

Note Taker [Nicol Sobczyk](#)