

Clean City Commission Agenda

Wednesday February 28, 2018 6:00 pm

Third floor conference room, Gloucester City Hall

In Attendance: Ainsley, Nick, Bev, Eric

Agenda Items:

1. Updates on plastic bag and polystyrene ordinances:

- Nick will reach out to New Balance to see if extra bags are available for donation
- Bev will see if Bank Gloucester can donate bags or funding around Earth Day
- Nick will contact RenewBag Co. for bags to give to Open Door, in partnership with Seaside Sustainability's grant. UPDATE – RenewBag will donate bags to Seaside, then will give to Open Door – Seaside can now purchase cloth bags with the grant
- Bev will connect with Ken Hecht and Val Gilman – will attend senior center programs over summer for outreach
- Eric will follow up with anonymous donor to see if they are still interested in buying bags to donate for senior center
- Val Gilman wants to hold restaurant vendor forum at Willowrest in May – invite restaurants to come share what compostable products they already use, answer questions etc,
- Ainsley is coordinating with YMCA Teen Center. UPDATE: Ainsley met with Rick at YMCA, going to Teen Leader Meeting on 3/22 to make t-shirt grocery bags, teens may make more to donate to Senior Center
- Ainsley will share materials that Salem and Ipswich have prepared for business outreach

2. Updates on Sidewalk Buttlers

- 2018 application is submitted, should hear back mid-March
- Nick will pick a good weather afternoon and team can help move buttlers
- Ainsley will update google map and post after moved
- Ainsley will ask if team can pass out remaining ashtrays during Hazardous Waste Day at DPW
- Keep Massachusetts Beautiful is donating 3 buttlers to Gloucester for Stage Fort and Good Harbor Beach, Ainsley will share update when ready to pick up

3. Updates from projects with Gloucester DPW

- a. "Drain SmART" program applications and planning for spring

- Bev continues to liaise with Arts committee, Eric will handle materials and training artists
- March 21st next meeting – have Jamie submit proposal to walk through with committee, look for opportunities to streamline for summer
- b. Change is Simple programs for spring 2018**
- East Gloucester May 15, West Parish May 11, Plum Cove May 23, Veterans May 24
Ainsley will invite Councilors and Mayor once times are set

4. 2018 new projects

a. Restaurant/business recognition program

- Nick shared proposal on criteria and how recognition program would work. Nick and Bev will meet with Danielle at Pastaio to run through ideas and interview as test
- No decision made on one level of recognition vs using levels or scores
- Bev will meet with Chamber of Commerce about getting program into monthly newsletter
- Still needs name and final vote on logo, facebook page to host information on

b. Lunch Trays

- Deb shared update via email – will have a presentation at PTO on 4/11, cost from same tray supplier is not very significant, looking at other vendors to compare cost info

c. Earth Day/Great Gloucester Clean Up

- Requests to keep as Saturday event – can One Ocean still host BBQ?
- Cripple Cove – One Ocean, Good Harbor – Women’s Equality Network, Pavilion Beach – Cape Ann SUP, St. Peter’s Square – Donna, Ocean Alliance – Amy, Washington St. – Nick and Josh; Mass Audubon is set with Eastern Point Lighthouse

5. Updates on Cape Ann Maritime Partnership

a. Use of marine plastics by UMass Lowell

- Eric will invite them to Earth Day, Ainsley will ask DPW for blue recycling bags to sort materials for easy pickup

b. Spring movie screening, Beer on the Pier

- Next CAMP meeting 4/20

6. Upcoming events: YMCA Teen Leaders – March 22, Children’s library – April 19, A Plastic Ocean Screening – April 19, Great Gloucester Clean Up – April 21

7. Other topics as brought up by commissioners or members of the public in attendance

- Ainsley and Nick will follow up with Joe Novello for fiesta confetti – rice paper will dissolve easily; ask DPW about lining storm drains for that afternoon
- Eric will work with graphic designer to clean up logo for a simple version that will print well on bags/handouts