

Clean City Commission Agenda

Wednesday May 16, 2018 6:00 pm

YMCA Teen Center, 9 Center Street, Gloucester

In Attendance: Ainsley, Eric, Nick, Jamie, Carter, Val Gilman

Agenda Items:

- 1. Updates on plastic bag and polystyrene ordinances: long term plan for senior and business outreach, follow up on funding sources and purchasing bags, bag making workshop, Carter's meeting with Ken and Val**

Currently have ~75 bags left from Gorton's donation, about to have 380 from anonymous donor, Seaside has funding to purchase approximately 300 bags as well. Carter is meeting with Ken and Val again on June 7th to continue planning distribution. All keep looking for other potential funding ideas.

- 2. Updates on Sidewalk Buttlers: plan to rearrange units, installing new units from Keep Massachusetts Beautiful, reorganizing stewards if needed**

New proposed locations: Center and Main St, Nautilus Road by boardwalk, Gordon Thomas Park (DPW will install post), Stones Pub, Senior Center bus stop, Grace Center at Unitarian Church.

Update: need 2 more locations! Keep MA Beautiful donated an additional 2 units. Ainsley will get units to Nick to prep for installation in early June. Will redistribute maintenance of units once new ones are installed so Carter and Jamie are also participating, Ainsley knows potential volunteer for Nautilus Road unit.

- 3. Updates from projects with Gloucester DPW**

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

Eric working with Vicky, new GIS specialist for the city. No new updates on progress. Jamie and Carter will draft sketches to send to Art committee to try and push 1-2 drains through this summer.

b. Change is Simple programs for spring 2018

Programs were well received by teachers and staff. Clean Energy Commission has funding to add in complementing lessons next year. Ainsley will coordinate with Candace, invited her to observe current programs.

c. Prepping for summer beach season – Ainsley’s updates from DPW

Beach trash cans will be back for summer weekends. DPW will make sure staff are handing out trashbags to everyone, not just waving through residents – use a sign or display bags on rack by parking kiosk. DPW will install post at Gorton Thomas Park for Sidewalk Buttler. DPW is ok with KAB grant, but wants to review, does not want to handle distribution of bins.

d. Grants for covered recycling bins

Ainsley found Keep America Beautiful grant (\$5,000-\$20,000 range) that might apply, ran it by Rose. DPW should review final text before submitted. **Due May 29**

Eric met with Sharon (MA DEP) – can apply for state sustainable materials recovery grant to buy covered bins, don’t need to use state contract vendors. Could use Ace and Building Center to distribute bins to low-income, seniors, and veterans. Would need to hold signups through VA, Senior Center, Open Door. Nick will contact Open Door to get an idea of how this could work. Eric will start drafting text. **Due June 13**

Consider reintroducing closed-top recycling bin ordinance?

4. 2018 new projects

a. Restaurant/business recognition program

On hold for now.

b. Composting Trays

West Parish did not get May Awesome Gloucester grant, but hoping to apply again. Also looking at GEF funding and exploring other options to find \$3,500 for trays and compost service.

5. Updates on Cape Ann Maritime Partnership

a. Beer on the Pier

June 24th – Jamie and Sarah taking charge, see them about how you can help

6. Upcoming events: Fiesta, World Oceans Day, Beer on the Pier, Summer clean up plans, tabling at Farmer's Market

Applied Materials World Ocean's Day staff event: Friday, June 8 – Ainsley going to pass out recycling stickers and ashtrays

Gloucester Ave Cleanup: Saturday, June 9 – Cape Ann Lanes hosting

Farmer's Market tabling: Thursday, July 17 and 8/30 – focus TBD

Fiesta: weekend of June 30, Ainsley will find out when confetti is – go for morning after clean up instead of during event this time? DPW may be able to provide storm drain covers for the weekend

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

Val Gilman and Sean Nolan proposed adding a "green tip" to the standing Council meeting agenda. It was withdrawn during O+A, but discussed that the green tip could be made during public comments. Carter will give first tip at 5/23 meeting – will draft text on carry-in, carry-out and share with team beforehand. Ainsley will coordinate with Clean Energy Commission to see if they still want to participate informally.