

## CEC Meeting Minutes – April 6, 2021

### Attendees:

Dan Clohossey	Sally Kelly
Sheila Blum	Frank Sanford
Stuart Sessions	Rodica Ursu
Joel Rubin	Anna Wolf

### Minutes from meeting 4.6.21

- **Minutes approved from previous mtg.**
- **Healthy Lawns** – Sheila asked about the status of the Town opt-in process and requested this go to the Town Council for a vote ASAP. Stuart is going to complete the memo (in process) so we can get it to the Town Council in time for their May meeting to have the Town opt in, hopefully by the June Council meeting. The Land Use Committee was tasked (separately) with reviewing all extant County ordinances that the Town could opt into and the Pesticide (Healthy Lawns) ordinance could be a good test case. There is a standard process for the Town to opt into such ordinances so the Town mirrors exactly the County ordinance without Town-specific adjustments.
- **Quiet Landscaping**
  - Gas-powered leaf blower flyer was door dropped to all homes in TOCC
  - Letter went out to all the Town landscapers
  - Further encouragement including a Fall event with blower manufacturers are in the works.
- **Canopy Tree**
  - Working Group is finalizing documents for the Town Council work session on April 14, 5:30-7pm. The hope is there will be agreement on changes that could be
  - The main thrust of the recommendations are:
    - Ordinance – eliminate “canopy” tree list completely and just have all trees that are 24” at 4.5 feet be “regulated” and reviewed before a removal permit is granted OR leave the canopy list but expand it by a net 10 native trees
    - Private Planting Program – expand list of trees in the program from 6 to 36 and increase the budget from \$10,000 a year to \$20,000 a year.
    - Public Planting Program – focus public tree plantings on native trees
    - Rejoin Arbor Day Foundation Tree City Program
    - Approve additional research to make a plan for a Town Tree Census process
- **3R& C** – no update this month
- **Lee Dennison Garden** – Sally is working on plant nametags; will experiment with temporary ones before ordering permanent. Joel reported that Zimmerman Park improvements are now subject to another planning cycle due to drain & utility constraints that have to be considered.
- **Trash & Treasure** – Bulk Pickup April 19; we will be exploring adding hazardous waste collection either to T&T or as part of Town pickup services (Dan to research). Stuart also suggested a plant

exchange during T&T, which we can explore, but people can/do use the listserv for that purpose too, any time of year.

- **Green Fair/Website** – Anna Wolf and Katrina continue work on updating our website; no specific update this month
- **Forecast Newsletter Schedule** – Sally will do May’s Forecast Tip on Mosquito Control. Dan proposed a 4 step process that each monthly owner will follow to publish the Tips in multiple locations. There were some process suggestions. Dan will follow up and update the steps in our team document.
- **Events Schedule**

**Please look at our team document from time to time, especially to review Forecast & Event schedule. Dan updates as things come in, but feel free to edit judiciously, or let Dan know about suggested edits.**

**Solar/Renewable Charging Station in Lawton parking lot area** – Sally suggested we look into this. What’s needed is a draft proposal, perhaps with the help of an Engineer and finding a “killer” use case where we can be fairly sure it will get used. Anyone want to volunteer? Dan has put it on the list of potential initiatives for CEC (in our working document....). Could be used for cars? Electric bikes? Any County tie-in’s?