

CHATHAM BOROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

July 12, 2023

7:30 p.m.

In Chrmn. Robertson's absence, Vice Chrmn. Pat Soteropoulos called this Regular Meeting of the Chatham Borough Environmental Commission to order at 7:30 p.m. in Room 301, Upper Level, Chatham Municipal Building. Ms. Soteropoulos read aloud the Statement of Adequate Notice.

Name	Present	Absent
Susan Robertson, Chrmn.		X
Pat Soteropoulos, Vice Chrmn.	X	
Rozella Clyde	X	
Yana Doyle		X
Joseph Treloar	X	
Allison Slater		X
Nicholas Eck	X	
James Cashel	X	
Lisa Allocco		X
Council Member Koronkiewicz	X	
Liz Holler, Recording Secretary	X	

Also present:

Peter Wang, Green Team member

Public Comment

Going around the table, Commissioners introduced themselves to Mr. Wang. Mr. Wang introduced himself and gave his educational and professional credentials. He expressed a great deal of interest in environmental matters.

Motion to Adopt Meeting Minutes

The EC meeting minutes of June 14, 2023 will be voted on at the September meeting. Chrmn. Robertson needed time to review them.

Reports/Pending Business

Borough Council Liaison Report – Council Member Koronkiewicz

Council Member Koronkiewicz reported that Mayor Kobylarz has sent out his letter regarding the Ciel Energy audit which is available to Borough residents. Residents are encouraged to have these audits done to improve the energy efficiency in their homes.

Council Member Koronkiewicz reported that the Post Office Plaza Application (P.O.P.) was approved by the Borough Planning Board at their June 7th meeting.

Council Member Koronkiewicz noted that the RFPs have gone out for the Sewage Treatment Plant. Five bids have been received. Three are being interviewed. The winning bid will be awarded by July 17th.

September 2023 Sustainability Fair & EV Expo – Mr. Treloar, Dr. Clyde

Mr. Treloar agreed to sign the EC up for Drive Electric Week. Dr. Clyde noted that their vendor for electric bikes can no longer participate, but another company may step in. Vice Chrmn. Soteropoulos felt that a sufficient cars will be participating in the Fair.

Dr. Clyde reported that Shannon McCarty, in the Community Services Department, will be contacting the vendors, since the Sustainability Fair will run in conjunction with the Farmer's Market that day. Dr. Clyde felt a theme should be established for the vendors to follow. She pointed out Ms. Slater also has a data-base containing a list of possible vendors.

Vice Chrmn. Soteropoulos noted that Chrmn. Robertson has asked that each Commissioner to please contact at least a couple of vendors.

Regarding Sustainable Jersey, Dr. Clyde said she would like the Borough to earn the Gold Star for Health.

Vice Chrmn. Soteropoulos felt that decision should not be made until Chrmn. Robertson was present. She also recommended that the EC wait until September to decide whether or not to have a theme for the Fair. It would be most helpful to Chrmn. Robertson if the Commissioners could get as many vendors on board as possible. The EC could ask Janice Piccolo to print up flyers giving info for this event. If anyone on the Commission has an idea for a slogan for the Fair, email it to Chrmn. Robertson before the flyers are printed and distributed.

Dr. Clyde brought up the entertainment aspect for the Fair. Commissioners agreed that live music would be a definite draw to the Fair. School of Rock unplugged could be asked to perform.

For the advertising for the Fair, Vice Chrmn. Soteropoulos will work with Janice Piccolo in Community Services. She noted whatever Fair advertisement gets posted on the EC web page, should be put on the Community Forum and on any personal media Commissioners may have.

Commissioners discussed reaching out to neighboring towns to participate in the Fair. They decided to reach out to Madison and Chatham Township.

Dr. Clyde will contact Dance Inovations to see if they could provide some performances for the Fair.

Commissioners discussed who would be available to work the day of the Fair. Vice Chrmn. Soteropoulos suggested Dr. Clyde reach out to Janice Piccolo and Shannon McCarty to get a list of previous volunteers who have worked at the Fair. Dr. Clyde recalled some high school students who had been very helpful at the last Fair.

Dr. Clyde suggested an organization called Green Vision be asked to participate. They collect used electronics and recycle the parts. Habitat for Humanity also could be contacted. Mr. Cashel volunteered to contact Green Vision.

Ms. Soteropoulos suggested a table be set up at the Fair to give information on the Three-Town Garage Sale scheduled for this fall.

Mr. Treloar recommended that the annual MCMUA drop-off date, October 21st, also be made know at the Fair.

Dr. Clyde noted that there are a number of crayons, workbooks, and other left-overs from Fishawack that could be given out to the kids.

Mr. Treloar said he could obtain milkweed seeds to also distribute.

At 8:10 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Liz Holler
Recording Secretary

cc: Mayor Kobylarz
Chatham Township Environmental Commission