

Pompton Lakes Community Advisory Group Meeting
Final Approved Minutes
August 12, 2013

The meeting commenced at 7:15 pm.

Karen Dean and Joe Intintola are absent. Edward Meakem is on leave until the fall.

Riggiola made a motion to pass the minutes from the June CAG meeting. Rubino seconded. All in favor.

Action Items from June 10th:

1. Meeting with Freylenhesien has been scheduled. Mike Endicott (EWA) said they are waiting to hear back as to whether EWA can attend the meeting, because asked for only constituents to attend the meeting. Riggiola added that we will be discussing Property Value Plan and petition for Superfund.
2. Patterson explained that she spoke with Mark Hertzberg and that Mindy Mumford has not heard from PRC about who will be the contact for the partnership and the grant has not been issued yet. Patterson will follow up with Mumford to see what the details of the status are. Riggiola added that PLREI does not deserve the funding because they have not held any public meetings and work in the dark and are not helping the greater people.
3. Riggiola explained that she spoke with someone at St. Mary's Church, who was very nice and promised to get back to her, and she never responded. Riggiola will follow up with her on this request.
4. Rubino said Resolution 10 was updated and sent to the USEPA days after the last meeting. She reiterated the purpose of Resolutions 10 and 11 by reading the last paragraph of each. Riggiola heard a report from Mr. Grayburg who claimed that our resolution information was not accurate and would send a rebuttal letter to the Board of Education and that it was tested and not contaminated. She urged parents of Lakeside School to support the resolution and to urge for testing. An audience member asked if Joyce Fern approached the PTA, but the CAG doesn't believe she ever did it. Riggiola added that Pat Cororan went to the BOE and did not have any success. Sandy asked if we could flyer the schools. Riggiola explained it would have to be approved by the superintendent and if you flyer the area, you would have to be in public place. The CAG will follow up with Resolution 10 with USEPA. Riggiola suggested that someone on the CAG follow up with the resolutions prior to the next CAG meeting. The CAG did not have anyone volunteer to do that, so they will wait on the idea. Rubino suggested having a conference call to choose a CAG member.
5. Petition for pump and retreat that was requested by Vojo at the last meeting: Mike Endicott drafted it and sent it to Vojo but has not heard from him. Helen volunteered to follow up with Vojo and Mike Endicott will forward email to Helen.
6. Sign on letter for alternative power source: EWA created letter and Helen Martens has been getting signatures on the letter. Rubino requested residents to send it.
7. Rubino discussed education program and that EWA would help with it. Patterson suggested an assembly for the students. An audience member suggested handing out flyers at Pompton Day. Rubino explained that was done in the past. The conversation turned back to the school outreach. Endicott explained that it's about the tone of the presentation, need a positive tone to encourage them to make a difference and not scare them. Patterson explained the program they did with the second graders about the cleaning up the Raritan River and how they presented it to 2nd graders. She also explained the Woodbridge Environmental Education program with the high school students. Rubino suggested a conference call with EWA to make an outline. Audience members were skeptical for fear the students. Endicott explained that you should be afraid of fear, and the students need to be exposed at a young age. Cheryl said CAG will sit down with EWA to

brainstorm. Patterson said that the teachers are the ones to target. CAG agreed to do research on the teachers and BOE. Martens suggested the scouts getting involved. Corcoran used to be involved with the Boy Scouts. CAG will look into this more.

8. Endicott explained that Township does not give out grant money but the county does, and he has the application for the cleanup. He is looking into more for environmental education opportunities. He said the Pompton Lakes uses it for storm drain maintenance and street cleaning. Patterson explained how Edison works. CAG suggested reaching out to scout troops and sororities and fraternities to host cleanups. Martens volunteered to take on the application. CAG wanted to host cleanup in October. Will follow up.

New Business:

Property Valuation Plan:

Riggiola explained that she spoke with Lois Gibbs and others about this and decided that a survey of the community would be the best opportunity. She and Mike Endicott drafted a survey and Rubino and Riggiola read the survey questions to the CAG. CAG went back and forth over questions and purpose of the survey. Sandy suggested a fact sheet. Audience feels that the name should be removed. Riggiola added that it should be available online. An audience member asked what we will do with the survey. Patterson explained the importance of data and science for the agencies to take action.

Letters to the Editor:

Riggiola explained the 3 letters to the editor that were published. Patterson and Riggiola explained that we need to keep the pressure on DuPont and the issues and LTEs to the local papers will do that. Riggiola offered to edit or review any letters to the editor.

Old Business:

Pompton Lakes song:

Riggiola explained how she met the singer Ken and reached out to him. He explained to her why he wrote the song. – What he heard from Weitz and Lutzenberg upset him, and he felt bad about what was going on. Ken sang the song at an event in NYC at a church and it went well with Mike Garbe on drums. She said the song is about unanswered questions to the lawyers. There will be a concert in Central Park on Peace Day. In the future he will host an event in concert in Pompton Lakes.

Public Session:

Rubino opened the public session.

A member of the audience asked if you can speak at a BOE meeting. Riggiola said yes and she will provide Lorell with the meeting dates and times. Will email Lorell the final resolution #10.

Patterson moved to close the public session. Martens seconded it. All in favor.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.