

Clean City Commission Agenda

Thursday December 7, 2017 6:00 pm

3rd Floor Conference Room, Gloucester City Hall

In Attendance: Ainsley, Eric, Nick, Bev, Jen Holmgren, Carter Whitlock

Agenda Items:

- 1. Updates on plastic bag and polystyrene ordinances: long term plan for senior and business outreach, venues for showing documentary, other funding sources and purchasing bags; progress in Rockport**

Bev will work with Ken for Ward 2 senior housing outreach, some housing is also in Ward 3. Open Door would prefer a donation of compostable bags, Nick will work on a quote of how many we can purchase for \$500-700. Carter will draft letter to Marshalls and grocery store corporate offices for bag donations, will share with group. Action and North Shore Health Project may be good venues for distributing bags as well. Eric will compile resources for businesses. Ainsley will reach out to \$1,000 donor on how they would like to spend those funds.

- 2. Updates on Sidewalk Buttlers: ideal locations for moving units, procedure for volunteer/business monitoring, need to submit progress report to KAB, 2018 grant application**

Ainsley will send in mid-term report and ask if in-kind donation of logo on buttler qualifies for outreach spending, so last \$250 can be spent on additional units. All work on switching over screws in units. Ainsley sent first shipment of butts to Terracycle! Train station unit will be moved within station, laundrymat unit will be moved to library, keep unit at Brewery until summer. Still have additional ashtrays – will give some to One Ocean One Love, VA medical center, other ideas?

- 3. Updates from projects with Gloucester DPW**
 - a. “Drain SmART” program applications and progress**

Trial run was not successful, Bev will take over coordination with artists for the spring. Eric will remove paint from first drain.

- b. Updates on beach program: follow up with DPW on how barrels went, share new vendor information**

Ainsley met with DPW on 12/8: all 4th and 5th grade students will get Change Is Simple lesson again in spring, focus on recycling and marine debris. DPW already printed recycling dates flier (in November), keep that in mind for next year if want to add information to it. Beach barrels in parking lot will likely be back full time next year,

wasn't too hard for staff to empty into dumpster. Beach vendor contracts are out for bid, written in that no Styrofoam products can be used. Stage Fort Park is getting large recycling dumpster for spring. DPW will do spring pilot of closed top recycling bins - ~250, 35 gallon bins first come, first served for around \$25-\$30, to see how it goes. Smaller bins with lids exist but aren't cost effective for size. Rose edits DPW website if we want information edited for beach or recycling page.

c. Businesses concerned with lack of recycling downtown

Hold until January and work with Ken H.

d. Closed top recycling ordinance

Did not pass through O and A yet. DPW will do spring pilot of closed top recycling bins - ~250, 35 gallon bins first come, first served for around \$25-\$30, to see how it goes. Eric will ask Sharon at DEP for other information.

e. Booking Change is Simple programs for spring 2018

Ainsley and Rose will coordinate with schools

4. New projects and 2018 goals to consider:

a. **December harbor clean up** – success

b. **Submit annual report to city** – by end of month. Before holidays, put all bullet points into sentences, add any other projects or connections you've worked on this year

c. **Restaurant/business recognition program** – Nick taking the lead, Bev is assisting. Needs a name; will Chamber of Commerce plug it in their newsletter? Where will write ups go – facebook, website, newspaper?

d. **Monofilament recycling program/PVC containers** – Eric will ask Rachel Rex at GHS if students are interested in project

e. **Composting** – Eric is meeting with Sharon at DEP next week, will get information to share

5. Updates on Cape Ann Maritime Partnership

a. **Use of marine plastics by UMass Lowell** – Eric will update on how much is needed/what is being done with materials

b. **Spring movie screening, Beer on the Pier** – working on plans to show movie around Earth Day with fundraiser party at Short and Main? Beer on the Pier is June 24th at Maritime Gloucester

c. Jamie is setting up Instagram account for CAMP, skimmer will stay in place at MG until cold enough to remove. Need to work with city to advocate for funding to be set aside for second skimmer.

6. Upcoming events: North Shore Health Project talk – Reschedule, December Clean up

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