

AP Quality of Life Committee Meeting Minutes

September 2 2021

5:30 – 6:45

Attendees:

Councilperson Yvonne Clayton, Pamela Major, Ilene Schawber, Diane Shelton, Trish Zanellato

Public Participation:

None

OLD BUSINESS

Community & Green Festival:

- Discussed status of invited participants and vendors. Additional participants and vendors were added.
- Assembled backpacks with school supplies for giveaways for the QoL table.
- Councilwoman Clayton will order a new QoL banner. Agreed to also order a QoL tablecloth for events where it isn't practical to hang a banner.
- Councilwoman Clayton will order t-shirts.
- Discussed recognizing the Kazeek Brothers for their participation at the Turf Club events this summer. It was suggested that maybe the City could hand out proclamations at the Festival.
- Councilwoman Clayton will schedule a Zoom call on September 24, 5:30PM to discuss last minute event details and loose ends.

Resident Home Lighting Project:

- No new updates.

Community Garden:

- Will revisit at a later meeting.

West Side Initiative:

- Taka has agreed to pay for an invitation only luncheon at their restaurant to bring together mothers of troubled teenagers and mothers who have lost children to gun violence. Goal is to bring the two groups together to collaborate on ideas to help reduce gun and gang violence. Mayor Moor and Councilwoman Clayton will also attend.

NEW BUSINESS

Guest Speakers for Future QoL Meetings:

- Councilwoman Clayton suggested inviting representatives from other City Departments (i.e., Robert Goodman, the City Manager, etc.) to understand the responsibilities of those individuals and/or departments and how the QoL can perhaps assist with their initiatives.

Mentoring Programs for At Risk Youth:

- Kazeek Brothers may be good candidates for this type of program.
- Andy Karas, Esq., is involved in Asbury Park and wants to be a part of the mentoring program. Andy has numerous resources and connections.

Upcoming Events:

- September 17-19: Sea. Hear. Now.
- September 24-26: Asbury Fest. (Previously known as "Oysterfest.")
- October 2: Asbury Park Community & Green Festival
- October 9: Pride Parade
- October 23: Zombie Walk

Adjournment