






**City of South Amboy Green Team
Meeting Summary**

10 November 2022 | 6 PM
ZOOM (virtual)

Members: **Jay Elliot** Jessica Maliszewski Brandon Russell
 Zusette Dato Christopher Smiga Mary Szaro
 Mickey Gross Anthony Conrad

Follow-Up & Pending Actions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reminder to review Project Worksheet/Action List to determine actions already completed and identify future actions, including project leads. ➤ Jay followed up with South Amboy Arts Commission/Joan & Camile to request they serve as the Creative Team and lead the arts and creative culture actions. 																																																								
Agenda Topics:	<p>Project status review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 6 of 17 categories ✓ 2 priority actions ➤ Need to identify additional actions to ensure 150 pts for certification <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="background-color: black; color: white;">Category</th> <th style="background-color: black; color: white;">Action/Element</th> <th style="background-color: black; color: white;">Stars</th> <th style="background-color: black; color: white;">Points</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>NATURAL RESOURCES</td> <td>Environmental Commission</td> <td></td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NATURAL RESOURCES</td> <td>Community Forestry Management Plan & NJUCF Accreditation</td> <td align="center">♥</td> <td>10-20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ANIMALS IN THE COMMUNITY</td> <td>Wildlife Interaction Plan</td> <td></td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BROWNFIELDS</td> <td>Brownfields Inventory & Prioritization</td> <td align="center">♥</td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP & OUTREACH</td> <td>Hold a Green Fair</td> <td></td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY PROJECTS</td> <td>Innovative Community Projects/PEG</td> <td align="center">♥ *</td> <td>10- 30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SUSTAINABILITY & CLIMATE PLANNING</td> <td>Community Visioning</td> <td></td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP & OUTREACH</td> <td>Community Education & Outreach</td> <td></td> <td>5-20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PUBLIC INFORMATION & ENGAGEMENT</td> <td>Improve Public Engagement in Planning and Zoning</td> <td align="center">♥</td> <td>10-15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LAND USE & TRANSPORTATION</td> <td>Historic Preservation Element</td> <td></td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DIVERSITY & EQUITY</td> <td>Diversity on Boards & Commissions*</td> <td></td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WASTE MANAGEMENT</td> <td>Prescription Drug Safety and Disposal*</td> <td></td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HEALTH & WELLNESS</td> <td>Removing Lead in Drinking Water</td> <td align="center">♥ *</td> <td>10-40</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Project Goal: COSA will become Sustainable Jersey Bronze Certified by 2023. Objective: Submit application by May 2023 with a minimum of 150 points (2 out of 13 Priority Actions – 6 of 17 categories)</p>	Category	Action/Element	Stars	Points	NATURAL RESOURCES	Environmental Commission		10	NATURAL RESOURCES	Community Forestry Management Plan & NJUCF Accreditation	♥	10-20	ANIMALS IN THE COMMUNITY	Wildlife Interaction Plan		10	BROWNFIELDS	Brownfields Inventory & Prioritization	♥	10	COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP & OUTREACH	Hold a Green Fair		10	INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY PROJECTS	Innovative Community Projects/PEG	♥ *	10- 30	SUSTAINABILITY & CLIMATE PLANNING	Community Visioning		10	COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP & OUTREACH	Community Education & Outreach		5-20	PUBLIC INFORMATION & ENGAGEMENT	Improve Public Engagement in Planning and Zoning	♥	10-15	LAND USE & TRANSPORTATION	Historic Preservation Element		10	DIVERSITY & EQUITY	Diversity on Boards & Commissions*		10	WASTE MANAGEMENT	Prescription Drug Safety and Disposal*		10	HEALTH & WELLNESS	Removing Lead in Drinking Water	♥ *	10-40
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PROJECT UPDATES:	<i>Community Garden</i> (Brandon)	On hold for now until optimum location can be identified. Jay provided Edison’s proposal that we can use as a template.
	<i>Environmental Commission</i> (Brandon)	Draft shared and reviewed – will sent draft to mayor and city council for their review and feedback. For Review only – no action requested. All in agreement.
	<i>Wildlife Interaction Plan</i> (Brandon)	Possible future project. Jay will make connection with local agencies and look into unused animal fund.
	<i>Brownfields Inventory & Prioritization</i> (Jessica)	OPRA requests submitted.
	<i>Hold a Green Fair</i> (Jessica)	March 4, 2023 - SA Senior Center
	<i>Removing Lead in Drinking Water</i> (Chris)	Kristen will contact Chris.
	<i>Community Forestry Management Plan & NJUCF Accreditation</i> (Chris) 10-20 pts	Chris attended the New Jersey Shade Tree Federation’s Annual Conference on Oct 13 th to obtain Core Training Certification for the New Jersey Urban Community Forestry Program (fulfills a training requirement for a community volunteer). *Additional information on our shared drive.
	<i>Innovative Community Projects</i> (Mary)	Ongoing – volunteer engagement
	<i>Community Education & Outreach</i> (Mary)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fall Newsletter (quarterly) Ongoing - ^ Education & Outreach
	<i>DIVERSITY & EQUITY - Diversity on Boards & Commission</i> (Mary)	<i>Evaluate the diversity of appointed municipal boards and commissions, compare to the community's demographics, and submit a summary report to City Council with recommendations.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> List of all city groups created
<i>Community Visioning</i> (Mary) > Community Sustainability Plan	Plan for Community Visioning Workshop early 2023 (Feb 11?). Volunteers contacted. Plan on event prior to Green Fair with survey. Promote at Green Fair. Complete & tally by May. *Community Visioning Workshop (10pts) – Vision Statement and Goals (5pts) >>> next step: Sustainability Action Plan.	

	<i>Improve Public Engagement in Planning and Zoning</i> (Mary)	Finalizing Planning Board Guidance document
	<i>Historic Preservation Element</i> (Mary)	Historic Preservation ordinance in process of being updated
	<i>Establish a Creative Team</i>	Discussions in progress/TBD Chris reached out to Joan Conway - Director of South Amboy Arts to collaborate on Creative Team (response pending).
Agenda Topics:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  Green Team at Fall Festival Oct 28th (SA Middle School)  Partnerships (PTO, Business Association, Municipal Alliance, etc.)  The NJ Board of Utilities offering an Electric Vehicle Tourism Grant. (<i>Public Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure</i>)  General Business 	
Next Meeting:	December 8, 2022 6pm	Venue: ZOOM