

ACOTE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, July 28th, 5:30-7 pm; Hartford Public Library

1. Call to Order by JoAnne Bauer at approx 5:40 pm
2. Commissioner Attendance: **JoAnne Bauer; Bill Upholt; Mark Mitchell; June O'Neill; Russell Williams.**
3. GUEST Introductions: Councilor David MacDonald and Bill Allen of the West End neighborhood were invited by JoAnne Bauer; Councilor Cynthia Jennings sent her regrets due to hospitalization of her brother this week.
4. Meeting Minutes: June 2015 Minutes approved with typo corrections; Minutes from May 2015 will be reviewed for approval next meeting.
5. Treasurer's Update: JoAnne has determined, through Linda Bayer, that Health and Human Services Dept has indeed budgeted \$1000 for ACOTE for this year. JoAnne needs to collect \$75, for Green Neighbor event.
6. Discussion of AGENGA for ACTIONS for coming year

Commissioners brainstormed events as follows:

- a) Presentation meeting with DEEP, as suggested by Marilyn Cruz-Aponte (see below)
- b) Green Neighbors Tent during Earth Festival
- c) NYE First Night participation, perhaps with a Recycling Activity for Kids
- d) Citywide Publicity event to highlight environmental concerns, laws, activities, etc for city residents
- e) continued support for city and state Legislative Issues, such as dental mercury amalgams and one-use plastic bags, among many other issues
- f) We will continue to invite relevant guest speakers to our monthly meetings

OTHER UPDATES

7. Administrative Items/ ByLaws/ Ordinance: JoAnne to forward new wording for ACOTE ordinance to City Council.
8. ACOTE Website/Facebook Page/Green Pages Database: JoAnne is maintaining a Facebook page and will try to drive more audience as Bill Allen suggested, with online forums.

9. Membership /ACT materials: Russell to invite new prospects and coordinate efforts of all Commissioners to get new members.
10. Energy: Councilor David MacDonald reported that Tom Swarr of the Htfd Clean Energy Task Force is in discussion with Juan Figueroa, chief of Staff for Mayor Segarra re: implementation of recommendations by the Task Force. Also that City is partnering with Knox, esp re Parks.
11. Recycling/Solid Waste Management: Marilyn Cruz-Aponte of DPW proposed that ACOTE conference with DEEP in order to create a DEEP presentation about plans for the disposal of solid waste as new technologies emerge. ACOTE approved this endeavor, and most Commissioners will participate in a conference call that Marilyn will arrange with Lee Sawyer, Project Manager in DEEP Commissioner's Office to discuss details of the anticipated presentation, to include reminder of legislation; assumptions; expectations; new technologies; preparation for the RFP to be issued, etc.
12. Legislative:
 - a) ACOTE Commissioners voted to support courtesy draft resolution from Sara Bronin, about artificial turf , with 2 changes. JoAnne will forward to City Councilors
 - b) Mark is involved with issues surrounding mercury amalgams, which will entail a city resolution and press event. (See Courant Op-Ed, 8-2-15)
13. : CCEJ: June reported that Sharon Lewis is at a national conference by invitation. Plans are continuing for a CCEJ cruise in November
14. Other/New Business: None
15. Announcements: None
16. Adjournment by JoAnne at approx 7 pm

Next Meeting: SEPT 8th 5:30 pm, Htfd Public Library

Minutes submitted by JoAnne Bauer