



Township of Hillsborough

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SUSTAINABLE HILLSBOROUGH STEERING COMMITTEE
Conference Room A
Meeting Minutes
9/17/24
7:00 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Group did Pledge.
3. **NOTICE OF MEETING** - This meeting has been duly advertised according to Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Public Law 1975 ("Sunshine Law").
4. **ROLL CALL:**

☒ Dr. Christopher Obropta	☒ Sabin Amanullah (Alternate #2)
☒ Dr. Kelly Francisco	☒ Tito Sharma
☐ Vacant	☐ Vacant
☒ Robin Vlamis (Alternate #1)	
☐ Deputy Mayor John Ciccarelli - TC Liaison	
☒ Committeeman Lipani - TC Liaison	
☐ Allison Laning-Beder - BOE Liaison	
☒ Samantha Ball - Assistant Planner / Sustainability Program Manager	
☒ Clare Liptak (member of the public)	
☒ Daniel Shepsis (member of the public)	

Note: TC needs to appoint two more members to fill vacant spots. Resumes have been sent to them.

5. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
 - a. [7/16/24 Meeting Minutes](#) - Chris motioned to approve the minutes. Kelly seconded. Lipani abstained. Accepted.
6. **CORRESPONDENCE**
 - a. None
7. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

- a. None

8. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Sustainable Jersey Application Review
 - Got 830 points and hit every category except for one
 - Received Health Gold Star Award, a huge honor. Only the 5th city in NJ to receive this.
 - Hope to go for Water and Energy Stars next year
- b. [Electric Vehicle Community Outreach action](#)
 - [National Drive Electric Week](#)
 1. Kelly and Tito attended webinars - don't need to be a huge event, can be residents who let others drive their EV car
 2. Tito has been promoting his EV car to friends and acquaintances
 3. Idea of incorporating EV cars into Green Living & Wellness Fair (maybe we push the fair later in June?)
 4. Upcoming events we may want to check out:
 - Bundt Park in Lebanon 11-2 EV [event Saturday 28th](#)
 - Somerville [EV Show and Local Environmental Matters](#)
 - a. Robin to share event with schools because Sabin mentioned many teenagers are interested
- c. Community [Sustainability Plan](#) ([Previous plan](#))
 - [Draft updates](#)
 - Members updated their sections with more timely data
 - Clare discussed Environmental section, concerns around leaf collection this Fall
 - Clare wants to put article in Mayor's Newsletter about mulching leaves in place - she will send to Chris to review first.
 - Need to incorporate styrofoam recycling program that Clare had researched into plan
 - ALL: Review Kelly's [write-up](#) to make recommendations; continue editing your sections before our next meeting.
 - Sam will review Mobility & Transportation section that Daniel edited
 - Sam to make GoogleDoc available to all so we can make comments on overarching goals

NEW BUSINESS

- [Walk of Art Trailer](#)
 - Hillsborough Express Yourself wants to do a fair with different performances this Spring
 - Committee members should review and send their approval over email
- Roundtable
 - October 5th [Well Water Testing Event](#) in partnership with Raritan Headwaters
- Master Plan [survey](#) is open, looking to develop a new vision statement. Survey uses new engagement platform.

ADJOURNMENT

Kelly made a motion to adjourn, Chris seconded. Motion passes.

Meeting ended 8:03pm

Next meeting is October 15th.