

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Advised the official date for the River Clean-up is May 11, 2019, from 2:00 to 5:00. Stated the later start up time is due to the tides and any Members that can make it to the clean-up would be great and if they can bring a group with them it would be fantastic. Stated this year they will combine the main clean-up with the Bi-State Watershed clean-up. Indicated they need someone to get the pizza and get the waivers. Questioned Bonnie if she wants to put the toy drive information on the recycling coach app.

BONNIE STEWART: Questioned how you put that information on the app.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Advised to contact Lisa Hessman and ask her to add it to the calendar. Advised this Saturday the Watershed Ambassador is doing a clean-up in Teaneck and April 7th is the planting. Advised the training for the "litter" survey is April 13, 2019 at the Hackensack Public Library from 9:30 – 3:30.

DAVE KRAFT: Suggested having one of the train stations as one of the locations for the survey and possibly downtown, by the 7-11.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Suggested deciding on the locations for the survey at tonight's meeting. Advised everything was approved and now the training can begin. Questioned if everyone read the Mission Statement.

DAVE KRAFT: Stated he wanted to get something on paper so it can be discussed at the meeting. Advised he wanted to state what the Commission does, or inspires to do, along with what can be measured, i.e. statistics on how many times recycling was thrown in the trash, and after the flyer is sent out you can measure if the recycling had improved.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Stated the Statement hits all the points and does not believe it needs a lot of change. Advised she would like to have a separate sign-in sheet at the clean-up for the River Edge residents to determine how many residents are getting involved. The Mission Statement was read into the minutes.

DAVE KRAFT: Questioned if there are statistics you can track to see how well the Commission is doing with their mission.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Stated the flyer is about to go out and you really want to see if the Commission is having an impact, which is point of the Mission Statement is being able to keep track of how well the Commissions meeting their goals and if they need to change what they are doing. Questioned Dave if he would be willing to take the lead on getting the information and he can start with Lisa Hessman and Fred Patron may be able to give him numbers. Stated the "litter" survey will be a big project, but you will get useful data from that you can use.

DAVE KRAFT: Questioned if you need to vote on the Mission Statement.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Took a vote on accepting the Mission Statement with a minor change in the wording. All were in favor. Advised Scouting for Food decided they want to go one more year with the plastic bags, but next year they will not give out the bags, however some people would be getting gifts for purchases. Stated she sent an email to Whole Foods requesting a donation of paper bags for the food drive. Advised Ali said to put everything about Scouting for Foods on social media, but she needs to see the flyer first so she gets the right information. Advised they have 3000 flyers, which the Scouts will deliver to the residents.

DAVE KRAFT: Questioned if it can be placed the Commission's page.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Stated the Commission's page needs to be revamped.

DAVE KRAFT: Questioned who has control of the page.

LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Stated she believes the Commission can be in control of its own page, but you would have to go through Judy or Stefanie and Judy will make the changes.

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LAURA HOOGSTRATE: Stated the next meeting is May 16, 2019.