

# AP Quality of Life Committee Meeting Minutes for 10/3/18

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## Present

Rita Williams, Kareen Delice-Kircher, Norman Roberson, Trudy Syphax, Councilwoman Yvonne Clayton, Melanie Chongolola-Nestor.

## Guest Introductions:

Diane Shelton, Community Outreach at Interfaith Neighbors; Nina Summerlin, Project Director at Alliance for a Healthier Asbury Park.

## Duration

Meeting was called to order at 5:38 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:41 PM.

## Agenda & Discussion

1. Nina Summerlin
  - a. AHFAAP was said that there will an event May 4th, 1.6 mile wide event; they got \$40k from RWJ and NJHI, and want to raise another 10k; East to West route so that people from both sides of the city can come together.
  - b. EZ-Ride does safer routes for kids; they are lead grant applicant. They also have a voucher program for seniors. More info at their website, under "Ride for Life." AHFAAP will seek to work with cab companies to fill that gap.
  - c. They are open to partnering with other organizations.
  - d. Rita asked Trudy to be our liason on the upcoming meetings. She also volunteered to help write grants.
2. Diane Shelton - Interfaith Neighbors
  - a. Diane has been with IN for the past year, and has been known for Prevention First in the community. Org recently had 30th anniversary; first started with homeless services.
  - b. Expansion: Nutrition, rental assistance; Kula Hospitality (farms, youth training); Business Development Center (BDC) and West Side Revitalization, to include affordable homes; partnership with Covenant House on Rites of Passage.

- c. They also have a pathway to homes program in Long Branch, and establish a program like that in Asbury Park. This includes training so that they continue to be sustainable when they do get into a home of their own. Funds participants pay are held in escrow until they complete the program.
  - d. Wells Fargo initiative
  - e. She asked to know more about us; Kareen said that the committee was Councilwoman Clayton's vision. Councilwoman Clayton talked about programs that brought children and adults together in ways that they could appreciate each other's generation. The committee started in 2014. Coat collection was hugely successful; town residents were extremely generous in buying brand new winter items, some still with tags on them.
  - f. Trudy noted that the artwork in Council Chambers and in Municipal Hall were created by Asbury Park art students.
  - g. Norman asked about a youth program he heard about some time back that might have been connected to Interfaith. Diane provided the contact info to the board member who's currently working to expand their youth initiative.
3. Melanie - Anti Litter Campaign "Respect the City"
- a. Feedback was that there was already too many signs near the boardwalk.
  - b. City manager requested more details in order to consider disbursing city funds
  - c. Councilwoman Clayton said that "Clean Cities" might be a good source to fund our campaign.
  - d. Clayton said we should clarify that the sizes of our signs would be much smaller than the typical signs that clutter the landscape.
  - e. Rita noted that litter is the most common complaint, so we will keep working to make this a reality.
  - f. Sea Here Now event offered free T-shirts in exchange for those who took garbage bags to pick up litter
  - g. We will collaborate with Sonia on creating the campaign
  - h. Clayton suggested that the Shade Tree Commission could be a good partner.
4. General Discussion
- a. Nina advised that Coastal Habitat for Humanity has a "Love Thy Neighbor Program" that
  - b. Councilwoman Clayton said that CBCG has a program that helps with home repairs; income limits exist.
  - c. Kareen informed that Women's Hospitality Network (<https://www.facebook/whnap>) is looking for two churches to cover the weekends of women currently experiencing homelessness.