



# Asbury Park's Quality of Life Agenda

5:30pm-6:30pm

## 1. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

Yvonne Clayton will step in as chair temporarily for now and Naomi will help out with setting meetings and agendas. Tara will share the passwords.

## 2. Updates on initiatives:

### A. Community Garden

- Naomi will reach out to watershed ambassadors
- A water source is needed
- we need a list of locations ( Kareen 2 locations and Tara had a list of properties)
- Service learning project options for local students and community members
- Proposed Purpose: a community plot for people to have their own area to plant seeds and manage the garden and bring unity to the community. Example: in Highland park, there individual fences for each person's area where they had a key to access their area to ensure no one else does.

### B. Lighting Installs

- There may be some community money available but an assessment will be required first.
- Pamela and Naomi reached out to habitat for humanity and they agreed to support.
- Options we considered were solar paneled lights that were about \$60 per unit.
- Next step: Will look around neighborhoods to see which areas seem to be the darkest and the number of homes/ units that we should look into installing.
- Figuring out options for renters and apartment complexes: may need to get a sign-off from owners of renters to ensure they will not be increasing rent due to added value the lights would add to property.

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Light the path home

Shop Now

- Create a google form sheet for people to fill out ( using a QR Code) and mention their lighting issues or needed number change on the house to be more visible.

### 3. Social Media - what is needed from team. How often should we post.

- Facebook: “Asbury Park Quality of Life Committee” ( Breana has been managing it :- ) and adding new posts)

### 4. Events

#### A. Community Festival –

- Still in coordination and paper work in progress. Planned for first Saturday in October (date on hold).
- Collaboration with the green team

#### B. Kwanzaa Decoration Contest –

- We will try to host this initiative on our own. With assistance of the recreation committee and members of the chambers ( if they want) in addition to other groups.
- We can offer categories to make it inclusive.

### 5. Concern/ Comments/ Updates

#### Education or awareness for proper bicycle riding to prevent people from getting hurt:

- Talk to “complete streets coalition” and “easy ride” that may have helmets and such items to give away. Police has also donated helmets and other items to kids in the past also.
- We can also talk to transportation manager, Michael.
- Possibly adding signs, posters or awareness in the coasters.

Mercy Center is hosting a program called V.I.E.W and are open to inviting more people

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