

AP Quality of Life Committee Meeting Minutes for January 8, 2020

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Present:

Trish Zanellato, Ilene Schwaber, Tara Gyorfy

Guest Introductions:

Wendi Glassman

Duration:

Meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM; Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM

Agenda and Discussion:

1. The *plastic bag ban* is now in effect in Asbury Park. Member of the Committee have assisted in distributing environmentally friendly bags.
2. The *coat drive* has taken place with members of the Committee (Norman, Diane, Yvonne, Tara) assisting with the organization and distribution of the coats in the Transportation Center.
3. Trish announced that an *Election of Officers* of the Committee needs to take place for the year 2020.
4. Trish reminded the group of *Earth Day* on April 22. It is possible that the Committee will be working with other AP groups for the clean-up and other events.
5. Trish brought up the *Pride in the Park* event for October of 2020. A date is needed for this event as well as a main headliner.
6. Wendy initiated a discussion about *integrating group activities* in Asbury and involving more residents. Perhaps partnering with other Committees will bring more people out to the events.
 - a. Wendy explained that her most successful event was the Basketball Tournament in March.
 - b. Tara spoke about special events that are well-attended such as the Tai Chi on Eighth Avenue (with Bill Stevens) and Free Yoga on Sunset Avenue Beach.
 - c. Wendy inquired about sponsoring open public forums and/or outreach sessions. Tara suggested the public viewing of the presidential debates, possibly at the high school.
7. Ilene discussed the recent *violence* in certain areas of AP and wondered if it has deterred some residents from attending events in the evening.
8. Ilene brought up the *Americorp* representative from last month's meeting and is interested in working on a mentoring program with this organization for the benefit of youths in AP.

Important Dates for 2020 Committee meetings:

February 5

March 4

April 1

May 6

June 3

July 1

August 5

September 2

October 7

November 4

December 2

*All meetings held at 5:30 PM in the Code Enforcement Conference Room