

Rahway Environmental Commission

AGENDA

Thursday, September 14, 2023

7:00 PM

This is a regular meeting of the City of Rahway Environmental Commission. Public notice of this meeting, in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, was published in the City Newspapers, posted on the public bulletin board in the Municipal Building, and aired on the community TV station.

Informal discussion by Commission Members will precede each item on the Agenda. Any Commission Member wishing to comment for the record may do so after the item has been properly moved and seconded.

Public comments on matters of environmental health or any item on the Agenda shall be called by the Chairman prior to the communications section. Individual comment shall be limited to five minutes per person. Citizens who desire to address the Commission with more detailed comment are asked to do so in writing, one week in advance to allow the Commissioners to become familiar with the subject. The public shall not be recognized at other times than those called for herein.

CALL TO ORDER

CONVENED: _____

A reminder that cell phones should be turned off and the meeting shall be called to order

ROLL CALL

On a call of the roll, the following Commissioners and Officials should be present:

Mr. Jeffrey Robinson, Chairman	Present_____ Absent _____
Mr. Joseph Paszek, Commissioner	Present_____ Absent _____
Ms. Clea Carchia, Commissioner	Present_____ Absent _____
Ms. Denise Rolong, Commissioner	Present_____ Absent _____
Mr. James Keane, Commissioner	Present_____ Absent _____
Ms. Michelle Gil, Commissioner	Present_____ Absent _____
Mr. Eric Hausker, First Alternate Commissioner	Present_____ Absent _____
Ms. Leslie Rippon, 2 nd Alternate Commissioner	Present_____ Absent _____
Ms. Joanna Miles, Council Liaison	Present_____ Absent _____
Ms. Gina Holmes, Clerk	Present_____ Absent _____

FLAG SALUTE

MINUTES

Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting on Thursday, June 8, 2023

Motion _____

Seconded _____

* Note: only those in attendance at the meeting can move, second or vote on the minutes from that meeting

SPEAKER

None

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Pranita Bijlani, 103 Princeton Ave., Rahway

COMMUNICATIONS

- 6/14/23 – Letter to EC – Flood Hazard Area
- 6/20/23 – Letter to EC from Harbor Associates
- 6/26/23 – NJDEP letter of interpretation from Merck
- 7/10/23 – RVSA Notice of Violation
- 7/21/23 – NJDEP Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification
- 8/3/23 – NJDEP Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification
- 8/7/23 – NJDEP Notification of RVSA Permit Renewal
- 8/11/23 – NJDEP Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification
- 9/1/23 – NJDEP Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification

East Jersey State Prison Notice of Intent to Renew

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Replacement of Jordan Parham on EC – status
UC Air Traffic Noise Advisory Board

(Chairman Robinson is the EC rep to this Board)

Bayway CAP –
(Commissioner Paszek is the EC rep to this Board)

Bazega Park – 1819 Allen St. - Update

Bramhall Road County Park site – Update

Rain Garden – curb cuts – update

USFA Forest Service Tree Grant – update

Spotted Lanternfly Grant Program – update

Mind your Wellness event – 9/9/23 – report

Sustainable Jersey Grant awarded to City – update

Proposed Keasbey Power Plant –update

NJ Electric Vehicle Ordinance - update

Flowscoot electric scooter business – update

Legislative update

NEW BUSINESS

Letter to Rahway Housing Authority

Rahway EC Annual Report

Fountain in pond at Rahway River Park

Shade Tree Committee – Update/Report

Rahway Refillery – New Sustainable Business

SJ Union County Hub Meeting (virtual) 6/26/23/Statewide Hub 10/10/23

To Bee or not to Bee art exhibit – 8/28/23 – 9/27/23

NYC March to end Fossil Fuels – 9/17/23

Riverfest – 9/30/23 – 10/1/23

ANJEC 2023 Environmental Congress – 10/13/23

Clark Reservoir cleanup – 10/14/23

Rahway Day – 10/21/23

RRWA updates from Commissioner Carchia

SITE PLAN REVIEW/PLANNING & ZONING BOARD ITEMS

PAYMENT OF BILLS

ADJOURN

The next Regular meeting of the Environmental Commission will be held Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 7 PM at 337 E. Milton Ave., Rahway, NJ. There being no further business, the meeting will be adjourned.

Motion by: _____

Seconded by: _____

_____ **PM (Time)**