



## **Morristown Environmental Commission**

**Morristown Town Hall**

**200 South Street, Room 200**

**Morristown, N.J. 07960**

**August 2, 2022**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Remote via Zoom**

**Roll Call:** Chairwoman Denman and Commissioners Ginsberg, McPherson, Vorolieff, Oliver, Ezyske and Council Liaison Umbriac

### **EXCUSED:**

- I. Approval of MEC minutes of July 6, 2022 tabled until September 6, 2022 MEC Meeting
- II. Open Public Session
- III. **New Business**

### **Office of the Mayor & Business Administrator:**

Chair Denman to introduce the newly appointed Commissioner Casey Ezyske to the Board.

### **Morristown Town Clean-Up.**

The MEC is scheduled to sponsor the second of the two Morristown Town-Wide Cleanups on October 15, 2022. The subcommittee will be meeting over the next month and a half to streamline the process to ensure the 2nd CleanUp is a success.

The Cleanup Subcommittee will be looking at lessons learned from the May Clean-Up to best prepare for the Fall Clean-Up as well as brainstorming how to reach and increase the database of volunteer contacts.

### **Fall Clean-Up TASKS:**

- Flyer requested & posted
- Online registration
- Amanda Applegate from the Town of Morristown Recreation Department assisting us with the online registration tool
- Volunteers for subcommittee this evening
- Check-in/Registration
- T-Shirts to be ordered
- Breakfast refreshments to be served to all participants

### **2022 Cycle Initiative**

As the town of Morristown is becoming more densely populated, the MEC is looking to sustainably solve the mobility needs for both residents and visitors through this initiative. By improving access for

residents as well as visitors to Morristown's businesses, restaurants and other town destinations including our parks without increasing vehicle congestion by getting cars off our streets, not to mention the health and connectivity benefits this presents for Morristown. The MEC will be researching options to make a recommendation to provide our residents with options that makes it easier to leave the car at home which reduces congestion, pollution and reducing greenhouse emissions throughout the town. The MEC will be discussing this initiative and identifying those interested in participating in the Bike Share Subcommittee to meet the Town of Morristown's community sustainability goals. Chair Denman has reached out to Dan Callas the Executive Director at TransOptions to request his attendance at the August or September MEC meeting.

### Model Municipalities with Bicycle Share Programs

- **Princeton:** Program launched in 2014 with 10 bikes  
**Zagster** a Cambridge, MASS

**FUNDING:** Obtained \$92,000 federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement grant through the NJ Dept. of Transportation.

[https://www.nj.com/mercer/2016/04/more\\_rentable\\_bikes\\_available\\_at\\_princeton\\_univers.html](https://www.nj.com/mercer/2016/04/more_rentable_bikes_available_at_princeton_univers.html)

- **Jersey City:** 37 docking stations – 820 bikes (40% (328) of which are ebikes)
- **Hoboken:** 9 docking stations – 300 bikes

**Citi Bike** was chosen due to their ability to deliver a bike share program that increases accessibility to cycling and convenience among both cities' residents.

All bikes can be rented through the Citi Bike or Lyft Apps

<https://www.hobokennj.gov/resources/bike-share>

- **Newark:** **NewarkGo** 2,000 rentable bikes and e-scooters that can be rented using an app  
**Bird Rides, Inc.** and Chicago-based **Veoride, Inc.**, have been selected to supply bikes and scooters for the program.

All bikes can be rented through the Apps

**FUNDING:** Provided by the Department of Economic and Housing Development. Bloomberg Associates, a philanthropic consultancy that works with mayors to improve the quality of life of city residents, provided assistance on the project.

<https://patch.com/new-jersey/newarknj/newark-gets-first-ever-shared-bike-scooter-program>

### Waste Remediation Subcommittee

Commissioner Ginsberg to provide update of Waste Remediation Subcommittee meeting with DPW Supervisor Joe Curlo, Jillian Barrick, Councilman Umbriac and Chair Denman.

The MEC will continue looking at an alternative option of pursuing Big Belly receptacles (through Grant)

**VI. 2021 MEC Initiatives – TBD in June**  
**2022 MEC Initiatives**

- Environmental Grants 
  - Revamping of current waste management through the addition of more garbage and recycling cans throughout the business district in town.
  - Purchase of multiple Big Belly Trash Receptacles through Grant
  - Bottle Filling stations

Commissioner Ginsberg to present overview and synopsis to the MEC this evening.

**Community Outreach Committee**

- Tokens for Farmer's Market
- Native Plant Participation – Commissioner Vorolieff to provide update