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## Meeting Agenda - Red Bank Environmental Commission

**Location:** 90 Monmouth Street, 1st Floor, Council Chambers  
**Date:** February 4, 2024  
**Time:** 7:00pm - 8:30pm

LAST	FIRST	TITLE	Attendance
Rodriguez			
Heyman	Paulo	RBEC Member (Chair)	Y
Godek-Johnson	Denelle	RBEC Member (Vice-Chair)	Y
Almerini	Ana	RBEC Member (Secretary)	Y
Johnson	Dave	RBEC Member	Y
Leder	Jenna	RBEC Member	Y
Carlin	Scott	RBEC Member	Y
		RBEC Member (Planning Board	
Massey	Megan	Liaison)	Y
Schroder	Alix	RBEC Alternate #1	Y
Sala	Luisa	RBEC Alternate #2	Y
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d	Nancy	RBEC Liaison to the Council	Y
Blyskun	Helena	Green Team Member	Y
McArthur	E. Pamela	Green Team Member	Y
Wokas	Eric	Green Team Member	Y
Trifiro	Sal	Green Team Member	N
Martin	Travers	Green Team Member	N
Salinas	Oscar	Green Team Member (Parks & Rec)	N
Walton	Terrence	Green Team Member (DPU)	N

### Agenda Details:

1. Attendance
2. Review/approve last month's meeting minutes; remit to Borough Clerk
  - a. Minutes approved - Ana motioned to approve, Alix seconded
3. Public/Guest Comment
  - a. Mary Warner - Guest from Red Bank animal welfare committee
    - i. Goal to transform yards into native habitats
    - ii. Submitted grant request for \$500 for native plant society of NJ to buy native plants to add to Red Bank West Side garden



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- iii. Met with mayor yesterday - for council and EC to buy one native plant for our yards (Pam to potentially be a liaison)
- b. Dan Harris is a guest and is eager to get more involved in the community - works in environmental remediation
- 4. Current Initiatives - Round Robin
  - a. Updates from Liaisons
    - i. Council (Nancy Blackwood)
      - 1. Last council meeting - Marine Park plans were presented
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        - b. 12 Trees will be removed - Denelle will represent the EC to advocate for native trees to be planted
        - c. The EC will be able to review and recommend plantings and the Shade Tree Committee will provide recommendations for tree plantings.
      - 2. Next meeting in February 12th to review plans for NJ Transit updates in Red Bank
      - 3. Red Bank EC has an opportunity to provide insight on environmental impacts on these plans - [project information can be found here.](#)
    - ii. Planning Board (Megan Massey)
      - 1. Working on upstream remediation → Tinton Falls and Colts Neck need buy-in
      - 2. Environmental Commission Yearly Report - Denelle and Paulo are finalizing
    - b. ~Admin
    - c. ~Miscellaneous
      - i. Navesink River Commission - Paulo is the official liaison for this
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    - d. Marine Park
    - e. Green Fair
      - i. April 10th - 5-7pm at Red Bank Middle School
      - ii. Potential for local businesses to donate prizes for the kids. Nancy to create a card to make this more official
      - iii. Budget money: T-shirts, composter to win, potentially a rain barrel, small native plants as a giveaway
      - iv. Mazza - gift of a tour of the recycling center
      - v. Denelle and Mary to consider creating a map of people with native plant yards
    - f. Ordinances
      - i. Pam and Jenna to coordinate on a lighting ordinance. Pam to draft an ordinance and share.



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- g. Website Updates
  - i. Landing page for Earth Day 2025 is updated
- h. Grants
  - i. Existing Grants
  - ii. Ideas for New Grants
- i. Gas-Powered Leaf Blower (GLB) Reduction
  - i. Paulo interviewed Princeton about their Gas-Powered Leaf Blower program, the bulk of their funding was earmarked for outreach and education
- j. Food Waste and Composting
  - i. Denelle is presenting at the Little Silver EC meeting in April
- k. Renewable Energy
  - i. RGEA
- l. Safe Drinking Water
  - i. Borough Drinking Water
  - ii. Lead in Pipes
- m. Site Plans Review
- n. Stormwater and Green Infrastructure
- o. West Westside Pollinator Garden

- 5. New Initiatives
- 6. Conclusion:
  - a. Next Meeting Date/Time: March 4, 2025; 7:00pm to 8:30pm