



## ***The Borough of Highland Park***

Sustainable Highland Park

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Subject: Sustainable Highland Park Meeting Minutes, October 25, 2023 via Zoom

Attending Members: Tina Weishaus-Chair, Irene Chan Marx, Irene Riegner, Mark Lesko, Claudia Farber

Guest: Alexis Thomason, Aaron Todd, Lisa Noss, Theo Shiffman, Nancy LaParo, Stevie Adams, Rachel Dawn Davis

1) The borough council announced plans for the Keasbey power plant were scrapped by the developer.

2) Green Amendment – Rachel Dawn Davis, Public Policy and Justice Organizer with Waterspirit, discussed support for the green amendment proposal to the State of New Jersey constitution. The amendment advocates the right to clean water and air.

3) HS Environmental club - Theo reported 50 students are in the environmental club. Activities since the beginning of the school year include closing the vegetable garden for the year, composting and revamping the share table in the cafeteria.

4) Master Plan – SHP will review the master plan, redevelopment plan-tract C where the farmers market is located to offer recommendations to the borough. Relocating the farmers market to S. 3rd Ave. requires state approval.

5) Master Gardener presentation – we will request a master gardener to speak about eco-friendly fall cleanup: leaving leaves, dead wood and plants that's beneficial for wildlife habitats.

6) SHP Party get together – we talked about hosting a party for SHP members and volunteers. Alexis will help with party planning. Possible location is the Teen Center.

7) Communications update – Lisa is looking for seasonal content (short write-ups and photos) to post on social media. Volunteers are needed to

join the communications team.

8) Outreach to Apartments – Lisa and Tina plan to reach out to apartment dwellers on issues that can be addressed with landlords, discuss sustainable initiatives, improve communications between tenants and the borough, garden spaces, recycling, compost bins and EV chargers.