

East 40 Advisory Committee

28 April 2023

Zoom Link: <https://northampton-edu.zoom.us/j/91361085534>

March Meeting Minutes

Participants: Kelly Allen, Alex Brands, Cathie Given, Gina Turner, Holly O'Connor, Nathan Ramos, Bill Smith, Kegan Hilaire, Ellie Wirthiem, Doug Smith, Evi Kim, Andrew Storck, Cindy Vojnovic, Carol Burns

Agenda:

- [Classroom Update](#)
Sent out RFP / due May 18 / choose firm
finished spring 2025 (conservative estimate)
small review team for proposals (fac/students/staff) – anyone interested, contact KRA
- Residency Update
2 were budgeted, additional residency funded by National Humanities Council
Abby – poetry; Andrew – ceramics; Amanda – papermaking
preliminary meeting May 1 – will develop schedule
- Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania Update
 - Lenape Garden
 - Model Village
 - [May 1, Rally for Recognition](#)

Chief of Education, Adam and Shelly (plants, language)

KRA met with them, walked the land

E40 (entire) into a Lenape Garden / by end of May, identify 10 plants – they will choose 5 to identify plants and create placards (Lenape / common / scientific; description of how it is used by Lenape; QR code – create self-guided tour)

Cathie – student Indigenous club starting in fall, work together

Model village – initial stages of brainstorming; study pods are modeled as wigwams?

May 1 – Rally for Recognition – in Harrisburg; be present for rally – not all Lenape tribes are recognized at state level, none at Federal level – this creates problems;

Instructions for letters of support

- NAACP Unity Garden
Rodney Weems – small plot to build a garden that shows roles of enslaved people; focus on dark but move to light (umoja garden)
they meet on May 14 and then more follow-up
- Earth Day Event – opportunity to get out there and share East40 info; nice reception; newsletter names
- Disc Golf Ribbon Cutting - same
- Coffee Conversations with Kegan and Wilson – Doug – good conversation, pilot for CCCE S
- Blackbird Farm CSA – 5 shares, still open, drop off Tuesdays noon at Hampton Winds, keep pushing
- Cindy and Andrew's Workshops – community ed
Cindy – 5 reg's for 1st one; push 2nd one
Andrew – 3 workshops to push
prepping for another fire May 4-6 with students – amazing progress
- Spring Equinox Event
celebrating the seasons – modest size fire, Free Market – stuff from E40 / clothing swap – went well
Summer Solstice – date to come
- ISO and Global Cuisines Dinner
Cathie, KRA, culinary dept, International Studies folks: ISO students work with culinary students to develop recipes from their countries / dinner at Hampton

Winds, E40?

Carin working to align the 2 groups' programs – more to come; Kegan can help

- Summer 2022 Residency Exhibit

Cindy's exhibit – waiting for Tom Shellea to know when gallery will be available (in Communications Hall)

- Food Studies Concentration

Ellie completing requirements to become first Food Studies program 'grad' – official in Fall 2023? Complete through Prior Learning program (PASA, life experiences, etc.)

When will this become available to students?

Food & Identity / Food Sustainability -

- Revisit February Action Items

- Gina will help with Caucuses

If any come up, we'll talk

- Talk with Robin about Place-based learning and the children's center

Kelly doing summer institute – Robin and Kelly to meet this summer

- Investigate working with public schools (Robin) – need to do

- Touch base with Horizons for youth (Carrie) – need to do

- Carol will be putting together a packet of PR stuff

flyers distributed for events – writing down our strategy / messaging through newsletter, social, website

- Garden Manager Position

- Ellie's last day and thank you party

Ellie accepted internship at Dickenson College – model food studies

program in PA – living in yurt for 8 months – final day is Friday, May 12

Celebration – details to come!

If May 12: Andrew unloading kiln, Cindy's class starts

- Welcome Evi!

Evi Kim – built tiny home, part of E40 family for a while; Ellie will train Evi

Questions:

Lenape Garden – can we still have European plants like woad and weld? Yes

Identities of other parts of garden will be honored

Non-native plants – “displaced” – not “invasive” – similarities in language with folks crossing the border

How these plants are interwoven into the space

Braiding Sweetgrass author – visit?

Take aways:

Decisions made: Gina – boundary workshop?

Action items: Carol/KRA messaging guide; push Cindy/Andrew classes; building review team; plan Summer Solstice (Evi)

Items to revisit: training for Security folks – safe open space for mace reaction training

What to ruminate about over the summer?

Reason for putting together Advisory Committee. What does E40 do for college/region?

Possibility of E40 Coordinator – hiring process. E40 move forward / collective effort not just KRA.

Members: keep E40 top of mind for plans you’re making in your own neck of the woods, inform us – involve us as appropriate