

East 40 Advisory Committee

20 January 2023

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

December Meeting Minutes

Participants: Kelly Allen, Carol Burns, Doug Smith, Ellie Wirthiem, Gina Turner, Bill Smith, Cindy Vojnovic, Sienna Mae Heath, Kegan Hilaire, Will Rufe, Alex Brands

Agenda:

- Kiln Updates
 - built / roof installed / two firings
 - issues with getting it to temp
 - another test fire in the next month or so; official firing at end of semester
- Classroom Update
 - No updates – no word from the Industrial Authority
 - Delays may help as building material costs are going down
- Residency Update
 - Cindy Vojnovic – summer 2022 residency; follow her on Instagram
 - new application for two summer residencies; one is designated for faculty; one is designated for the arts – hopefully this will be ready to go next week (input from this group will be solicited)
 - [Natural Dyeing From the Ground Up](#)
 - [Paint From the Ground Up](#)
 - New Application
- East 40 Budget
 - A lot of expenses; negative balance through June 30.
- Lenape Garden
 - Kelly met with 3 folks from Lenape Nation (Adam DePaul, Shelly DePaul, Dr. Ann DePeace) – plan walk through for later this spring
- Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania Conference
 - Possibly summer 2024?

- ?Ceramics Conference?
Working with Andrew Stork and Cindy Vojnovic spawned an idea for this type of conference
- Items in progress from Fall 2022
 - In partnership with the office of Civic Engagement, we can host one (or more) of the coffee talk conversations and focus them on the themes of agriculture, food culture, the environment, relational foodways, etc. – working with Doug to secure a speaker; Gina affirmed space
 - Partner with the Environmental Symposium (Anita and Kelly).
 - Coordinate efforts with our Earth Day celebration (Anita and Kelly)
 - Climate 5k
All three above – working with Anita – moving along
 - Solstice and Equinox celebrations: (Kelly)
Dec. 21 from 4-6 pm – Solstice event – fire and hung out – make this a tradition?
 - Can we have these catered by Sodexo, or culinary appropriate with the theme of the day
 - Develop Community Education programs: Cindy's Natural dyes and pigments classes, Andrew's reduction fire certificate, Clay processing
Andrew and Kelly working on reduction fire certificate
Wood ash fire – for fall
- Items still on the table from Fall 2022:
 - Utilize the new disk golf course as a way to get people engaged with the East 40. My suggestion is that we sponsor The East 40 Cup. (residence halls, Carol wants to get involved)
Julie Bailey (IA) will do a dedication with donor – new sign made
Brian Post – facilities
 - Create event with the Yoga Loft, (Ellie)
 - Host a Spring concert: Open Mics, End of the semester concert, theater, laconic release (Evi)
 - Design and build study pods: architect classes
 - Create a back-to-school mug building workshop for faculty and staff
Kelly did one with Gina – work on process
Cindy willing to help

- Host dinners at the East 40 that celebrate diverse food cultures: with clay thing and music thing, ESL and Cathie
- Build an Imu
- Develop Community Education programs: Photography, Online offerings (cooking, tea garden, making teas with native plants,
- Build relationships with the caucuses
- Drone
- [Gina has one to donate](#)
- Make a Blog

Introduced Kegan – coming in the fall as the East 40 farmer (610-297-0244 – text is best for now)

Take aways:

[Doing a lot!](#)

Decisions made:

Action items:

[Ellie – may connect with NCC resources for yoga event – late April/May?](#)

[Ellie/Kelly – farm market for spring? Maybe Kegan could source product. Possible CSA location? Chef Will – culinary arts could help/storage. Farm market goal should be student engagement/inclusion.](#)

[Contact Gina about Coffee Talk.](#)

[Encourage folks to consider what they can offer for community ed classes \(pays \\$20-25/hour for instructors\) – Kegan may be able to offer Rodale Institute programming](#)

Items to revisit:

[PASA conference \(Feb. 8-10\) – Kelly, Ellie, Kegan, Will, Sienna, Evi](#)