

Collierville Environmental Commission Minutes

December 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 pm. All commission members present were: Albert Grobmyer, Gary Siebenschuh, Joellyn Brazile, Wayne Kneipp, Crystal Warren and Hailin Swan and Sheila Bentley and the student member Swathi Ganesh. The meeting was held at the home of Sheila Bentley. Emily Harrell, from the Town's Engineering Department, was also present.

The meeting opened with a review of the minutes from the November 2014 meeting. There were no changes to the meeting minutes. Crystal moved to accept the minutes. Gary seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The listing of 2014 accomplishments, provided to the BMA, was reviewed. Discussion ensued regarding getting additional articles published – either through the Town sources or publicly in the newspaper. It was noted that all article submissions should be sent through Public Services to the Town's Information Office. The group will continue to provide articles for publication during 2015.

It was announced that Joellyn and Hailin will not be returning to the commission in 2015. Both were sincerely thanked for their commitment and service. Hailin is joining the Town Beautiful Commission and she was encouraged to keep the CEC in mind with regard to common issues or projects. New 2015 members to the CEC are Bill Looney and Courtney Gillespie.

The University of Tennessee Shelby County Agricultural Extension Office will be hosting a Rain Garden Workshop in conjunction with the Engineering Department's MS4 requirements and the Burch Public Library. A rain garden will be constructed at the Library with hands-on instruction for resident participants. The CEC has been asked to assist in promoting this workshop. The CEC was also asked to sponsor lunch, during the workshop, for the participants. After discussion Gary made a motion to provide up to \$300.00 for supplies. Crystal seconded and the vote passed unanimously. No specific venue or menu was discussed however attendance of 25 to 30 is anticipated and the workshop is tentatively scheduled for March 12.

The 2015 Arbor Day plans were also discussed. The 300 tree seedlings will be provided to Crosswinds Elementary School. An age appropriate program will also be made by Shawn Possey, West TN State Forester. The scheduled date is not currently known and more information will be obtained from Christine Donhardt, Memphis / Shelby County Office of Sustainability.

Swathi moved the meeting be adjourned. Joellyn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.