

Collierville Environmental Commission (CEC) Minutes

May 13, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 PM. Commission members present were: Wayne Kneipp, Albert Grobmyer, Gary Siebenschuh, Joellyn Brazile, Sheila Bentley and Crystal Warren. Hailin Swan had an excused absence. The Town of Collierville representative was John Fox.

The April 2014 Commission meeting minutes were reviewed. Albert Grobmyer motioned to accept the minutes as printed and Sheila Bentley seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

A review of the Fair on the Square event commenced. Overall the CEC booth was well organized and the event went very smoothly. Two specific pieces of literature were exhausted. An inventory of all available literature was made for future use and additional pieces will be obtained for future distribution. The contest held was also well received. Suggestions for future swag items should include more kid friendly gifts. It was also suggested that a CEC banner, inflated balloons, or other enhancements used to better recognize and promote the booth.

Regarding the anticipated "Get Caught Recycling" program, to be held in conjunction with the promotion of the new recycling bins, a response from the Town Finance Department was that using CEC funds to reward residents, in cash or gift cards, was not acceptable. The group will pursue sponsors for this activity.

It was further discussed that recycling habits and education must start with school aged children to become effective habits. A letter of recommendation will be drafted and sent to the new Collierville School District to encourage recycling within the district and respective school buildings.

In response to the Fair on the Square event, and the numerous residential questions regarding the hazardous waste display in the CEC booth, a tour of the Shelby County Hazardous Waste Collection Facility was recommended. Crystal Warren will follow up with a scheduled date for this tour.

The next agenda item was a discussion around the 2014 recommendations from the BMA. Three items were recommended: Continued promotion of solid waste and residential collection awareness and issues; A recommendation to work cooperatively with other Town departments to promote our environmental efforts; and To place additional environmental signage around the town. Sheila Bentley offered to contact Chip Peterson, Parks & Rec department with signage suggestions. This agenda topic item will be pursued in future meetings.

During the Town update, reported by John Fox, the Commission was advised that no high school representative applications have been received for the CEC membership. Sheila Bentley offered to follow up with the three local high schools (Collierville, Houston High and St. George's Independent) to solicit membership.

Further, approximately 5800 new recycling bins had been delivered to residents thus far. Of the approximately 125 verbal responses, the majority of residents are very supportive for the program. A number of residents have asked for a new bin to actively begin participating in curbside recycling.

In new business it was reported that the town of Arlington was promoting prescription medication disposal. Crystal Warren had written and published a news article last year on this topic. The CEC will support local promotion of this issue with the next collection. Further information from the Police Department will be obtained.

Wayne Kneipp reminded the members of the Summer Concert Series recycling program. The Public Services department has provided 10 new recycling bins for the town events. These bins have circular holes cut in the lid top for individual recycling materials. The lids are also latched to prevent unwarranted contamination of the materials. These bins will be provided, weekly, to the Town Square and be distributed throughout the square by the Main Street Collierville staff / representatives. No physical action by the CEC members is required this year versus prior seasons.

Sheila Bentley moved that the meeting be adjourned. Crystal Warren seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Kneipp