

Collierville Environmental Commission (CEC) Minutes

June 17, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 PM. Commission members present were: Wayne Kneipp, Albert Grobmyer, Gary Siebenschuh, and Crystal Warren. Joellyn Brazile, Sheila Bentley and Hailin Swan had excused absences, predominately work related. The Town of Collierville representative was John Fox.

Wayne Kneipp opened the meeting at 6:38 PM with discussion of the May 2014 Commission meeting minutes. A printed copy of the minutes was not available. Also, since a quorum was not available approval of the minutes were not conducted.

Crystal Warren discussed the anticipated tour of the Shelby County Hazardous Waste Facility. The original date of Thursday, June 26th is being postponed. A new date will be rescheduled for the latter part of July.

Wayne Kneipp reviewed the status of the recycling effort at the Summer Concert Series which occurs Thursday evenings during June and July. The Town Public Services department has provided new recycling bins for attendees' use around the square. Main Street Collierville promotes the use of these bins and encourages recycling through announcements during the concert. The collected amount of recycling materials, to date, is unknown. However the promotion and use is the greater focus with the use of the new bins for curbside residential collection beginning during the week of June 30th.

The next item for discussion was to develop an action plan for the Board of Mayor and Alderman (BMA) recommendations, which occurred as a result of the CEC's meeting with them in October 2013. One, of three, recommendations was to place additional informational environmental signage around town. It was determined to work with the Parks Department in this effort. Locations suggested were along the paved Nonconnah Creek trail and at the loop of the boardwalk, at the Wolf River, within the Peterson Nature Center in Johnson Park. Sheila Bentley has provided signage suggestions to Chip Peterson, Parks & Recreation department. No response to date has been received and Wayne Kneipp will follow up. It was stated that the CEC budget will not

support the purchase of the signage. As well, cooperation amongst various departments is necessary to complete this project. The future focus will be a recommendation back to the BMA which will include signage locations, signage type and pricing, and anticipated copy and verbiage for the signs. This will occur by October 2014, in time for the 2015 budget. Actual completion will depend on the approval of the BMA and follow up with the Parks & Recreation and other departments to process the order, physical placement and mounting of the signs, etc.

Regarding a high school representative to the board, no applications to date have been received. Sheila Bentley has reached out to the three high schools. During the summer season a representative may be difficult to contact and applications may not be available until August / September once the school year begins.

John Fox continued with the Town Update. The majority of new recycling bins (approximately 9100) have been distributed by the Public Services staff. Current response from residents has been overwhelming and primarily positive. Two goals for this program was to increase residential participation by 10% and increase recycled volume by 30% versus prior use and volume with the smaller bins. To date residential requests for new bins is at 62%. This already meets the 10% participation increase goal which was 52% during the prior program. Curbside collection begins during the week of June 30th. Recycle material volume will be tracked and reported once available. John also mentioned that the recycling material hauling contract is through Republic Services and ReCommunity has the recycling contract.

Crystal Warren moved that the meeting be adjourned. Gary Siebenschuh seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Kneipp