



Collierville Environmental Commission

Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2017

Attendees:

Joshua Balentine
Sheila Bentley
Anurag Epparla
Julie Furr

Bill Looney
Crystal Warren
John Fox (Town Liaison)

Absent: Courtney Gillespie, Susan Savage, Robbie Hanks

The meeting was held at 500 Keogh Rd, Collierville, TN and began at 6:35 pm.

1. Approval of minutes: Sheila moved to accept the minutes. Bill seconded the motion. All were in favor.

New student member, Anurag Epparla, attended his first meeting. The Commission introduced themselves.

2. Town Tree Ordinances – Guest Speakers Jaime Groce (Town Planner) and Diana Dubois (Planner) provided an overview of the Town's tree ordinances, as they apply to private development applications. The Town's current tree canopy, as well as goals for maintaining and/or increasing the current tree canopy level, were discussed. The Planners and Commission also discussed what measures the Commission can take to fulfill their role as the Tree Board. The topic of ordinance revisions was repeatedly discussed.

3. Discussion of goals and projects for 2017:

- a. Recycling in the Parks: John stated that the status of recycling in the parks remains the same as the previous month.
- b. Collierville Forward: Sheila proposed a new idea to promote Collierville Forward, which involves a grasscycling contest amongst participating neighborhoods and Homeowner Associations. The contest would last one month, and Public Services staff would track the amount of bags grass clippings picked up in the participating neighborhoods.

An educational event banquet and America Recycles Event were briefly discussed.

- c. Diminishing Use of Plastic Bags: Susan and Courtney distributed reusable bags at the Collierville Farmer's Market. Residents were happy to receive the bags; however, many placed their plastic bags inside the reusable bag.

- d. Waste Reduction Awareness Program – tabled until next meeting
 - e. Green Schools: We discussed creating a presentation to publicize the green features of the new high school. Julie will contact the architects and designers, and John will talk to Bill Kilp and James Lewellen about the environmental impacts. Harrell Theater might work as a venue. We discussed holding the event in early November.
 - f. Tree Board: discussed during Agenda Item 2
 - g. America Recycles Day: America Recycles Day is on November 15, and the commission would like to hold an event that day to educate residents, promote recycling, and provide opportunities for residents to get rid of waste responsibly.
 - h. Town Updates: None
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- 4. New Student Member – discussed during Agenda Item 1
 - 5. Budget: New budget in affect. Need to determine how much money is in 2017 – 2018 budget
 - 6. Bill moved to adjourn our meeting at 9:15 pm. Sheila seconded the motion. All were in favor.