

## **Collierville Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes**

**December 8, 2015**

The December meeting for 2015 was called to order at 6:45 PM. Commission members present were: Sheila Bentley, Albert Grobmyer, Wayne Kneipp, Bill Looney, Gary Siebenschuh, Crystal Warren, and Mary Lennox Halfacre. The Town of Collierville representative was Bill Kilp. Commission member Courtney Gillespie was absent.

Bill L. moved to accept the minutes from last meeting with minor corrections. Gary seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Sheila provided a recap of the Recycle, Upcycle, Repurpose Contest. There were approximately 30 entries into the contest, and many of the entries were very creative. Overall, the contest was a huge success. Although the Literacy Council will not continue the contest next year, the Environmental Commission will consider continuing the contest in association with America Recycles Day in November 2016.

The Good Sports Always Recycle Award Ceremony was held at St. George's on November 20<sup>th</sup>. CEC members were unable to attend. Crystal stated that she would follow up with Christine Donhardt (Memphis/Shelby County Office of Sustainability) to find out more information about that program.

The pilot Compost bin program was discussed. Unfortunately, the Town and Commission will be unable to pursue this program at this time. According to Bill, neither the Town nor Commissions can collect citizen's money while waiting to generate enough interest to purchase an order of compost bins in increments of 25.

Wayne announced that he would not be continuing his position on the Commission in 2016. Members expressed sadness to see Wayne leave but wished him the best in 2016!

Bill K. provided an overview of current events happening at Public Services. Leaf pick-up was very busy, with greater participation than in past years. Public Services staff were working extra hours to complete their assigned tasks. Also, Bill stated that the Town has not received any complaints regarding the recycling program since the Town took over implementation of the program. This is a huge improvement compared to the previous company who was outsourced to run the recycling program. Bill also explained that littering on Hwy 385 through Collierville was a major problem. The source of the problem is believed to be waste haulers and not individuals. Bill asked the Commission to think of a catchy slogan that the Town could display on their equipment to promote the beautification/recycling/less littering in the Town. The goal of the slogan would be to create a deeper connection between residents with the Town in which they live.

Gary motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mary Lennox seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

