

Collierville Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2015

The May meeting for 2015 was called to order at 6:33 PM. Commission members present were: Albert Grobmyer, Wayne Kneipp, Bill Looney, and Courtney Gillespie. The Town of Collierville representative was Emily Harrell. Shelia Bentley arrived a few minutes late due to another meeting. Gary Siebenschuh and Crystal Warren were out of town. Wayne filled in for Crystal and led the meeting.

Albert moved to accept the minutes from last meeting. Bill seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

We began by recapping the Fair on the Square. Although the event was successful and brought a lot of attention to environmental causes, there is still a need to further promote the Environmental Commission. Wayne suggested finding local events where we could distribute information, brochures, and promotional items. We would need to confirm with the Parks Commission or Main Street Collierville first as they sponsor many of these events. Sheila mentioned that there are several events planned with Collierville Reads that the Environmental Commission could participate in. At the Fair on the Square, the rain barrel proved to be a big draw for the booth. Emily notified the two winners of the drawing, and both were very excited to win. The commission members that worked the fair noted several ways to improve the booth for next year. Those needs included a sturdier prize wheel, a banner with our logo to display on the tent, and panels for the tent to secure the items overnight. Sheila motioned to authorize up to \$200 to have a banner with the CEC logo, up to \$200 for additional tent panels, and up to \$500 for additional promotional items. Albert seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Emily will create a proof for the tent banner and send out for the commission members for approval.

Next, we discussed recycling at Collierville High School. At the request of the Environmental Club, Public Services provided 4 recycling bins for the cafeteria at the high school. Students in the Environmental Club were responsible for sorting, maintaining, and moving the recycling for pickup. Courtney mentioned that the schools generate a very large amount of recyclable material everyday that gets thrown into the landfill. The end of the school year especially sees a very large amount of paper throw away. In the future, a paper drive at the end of the year at the schools would be great to have.

Wayne updated the group on the prize money policy. A new policy is being formed and will be implemented soon. The policy should be in place in time for our Public Service Announcement Contest for America Recycles in November.

Our student member, Swathi Ganesh, graduates from Collierville High School this week and will continue her studies at Vanderbilt in the fall. The commission decided to collect money to give Swathi a gift card and thank you note for her extraordinary service on the commission. The commission needs a new student member. Wayne mentioned that a student named Mary Lennox Halfacre has expressed interest, but the application needs to be opened up to all students first.

Next, we discussed the upcoming Collierville Summer Concert Series. In the past, members have helped with recycling efforts during these events. Last year, bins were dropped off in one spot, and commission members distributed them to convenient locations throughout the town square. This year, we will see if the town can distribute them if we provide a map of locations. Emily will also ask if we have permission to distribute promotional items at the concerts.

Emily informed the commission that she would likely be the only Town of Collierville Representative in the future.

Albert motioned to adjourn the meeting. Sheila seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.