

## **Collierville Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes**

**November 10, 2015**

The November meeting for 2015 was called to order at 6:40 PM. Commission members present were: Wayne Kneipp, Bill Looney, Courtney Gillespie, Gary Siebenschuh, Gary Siebenschuh, Sheila Bentley, and Crystal Warren. The Town of Collierville representative was John Fox. Our student representative, Mary Lennox Halfacre, was also present.

We began the meeting by welcoming our new student member, Mary Lennox Halfacre. We are all so excited to have her join the commission for this school year!

Next, we approved the minutes from the October meeting. A few minor changes were made. Sheila moved to accept the minutes with these changes, and Gary seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Then the commission reviewed some upcoming dates. Thursday, November 12 is the Collierville Boards and Commissions Appreciation Reception Dinner at University of Memphis at 6:30 pm. Also, Friday, November 20 is the deadline to turn in board applications for 2016. And finally, our December meeting will be held at a board member's home on December 8 at 6:30 pm.

The Bird Walk on October 17 was a successful event. Around 30 people participated, and the commission agreed that this would be a great event to repeat in the Spring.

The Recycle, Upcycle, and Repurpose Contest is coming up as well. All projects are due to the Morton Museum by 5 pm on Thursday, November 12. Judging will occur from 10 am-12 pm on Friday, November 13. Commission members Wayne, Gary, and Courtney volunteered to help judge the Recycle and Upcycle parts of the contest. Sheila has secured other judges for the Repurpose portion of the contest. Winners will be announced on Saturday, November 14. The commission had previously agreed to pay for \$200 of the total cost for the prizes.

Christine Donhardt from the Memphis/Shelby County Office of Sustainability let Crystal know that St. George's High School and Crosswinds Elementary School were winners in the "Good Sports Always Recycle Contest." Wayne will attend the awards ceremony on behalf of the commission on November 20.

Emily Harrell has taken a new position, and she will no longer be helping out with the commission. We wish her well but are sorry to see her go. We will have to speak to her replacement about the possibility of taking on the compost bin program.

John provided updates from the town. The town is committed to the recycling program, but it will begin costing the town significantly in the future. The current contract has the town breaking even. Also, a garbage truck caught fire and burned, so the town will be replacing this truck.

Sheila motioned to adjourn the meeting. Wayne seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.