

Collierville Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2016

The October meeting for 2016 was called to order at 6:00 PM at the Morton Museum. Commission members present were: Sheila Bentley, Courtney Gillespie, Bill Looney, Gary Siebenschuh, and Crystal Warren. Swetha Manivannan, our student representative, was present as well. Charles Green and Joellyn Brazile were absent.

We began by reviewing the minutes from our September meeting. Gary moved to accept the minutes with a date correction. Sheila seconded the motion. All were in favor.

We began by discussing the International Day of Listening that was featured in the Collierville newsletter. Although only one citizen attended, it was a productive conversation since she works for Keep Tennessee Beautiful. She was concerned about the amount of trash at the high school football game. We briefly discussed the possibility of having recycling cans at the field, but then we have the issue of having a volunteer bring the cans to the curb.

On September 24, the Commission hosted an electronics recycling event in Collierville High School's parking lot. We collected over 3300 lb of electronics and diverted it from the landfill! Although we did not make any money from the event, we are extremely pleased with the turnout and the fact that these items will be recycled rather than stuck in a landfill. Resident feedback was very positive during the event although we might need to advertise more in the future. We think this is an event we could have each year.

We also have the Recycle, Upcycle, and Reuse contest coming up. Projects will be due to the museum by November 17, judging will occur on November 18, and winners will be announced on November 19. Gary will get information to the Commercial Appeal and the Collierville Herald as well as contact potential judges, and Courtney will update the applications and rubrics as well as send the information to the schools.

The details of Rock and Wrap are still being discussed. The high school administration team is on board with the idea. We plan to begin with non-perishables only and adapt the program as needed.

Immediately following our meeting tonight is the Bird Talk here in the Morton Museum sponsored by the commission. The bird walk will be Saturday, October 15 at 7:30 am.

At 6:57, Gary moved to adjourn the meeting. Bill seconded the motion. All were in favor.