

Collierville Environmental Commission Minutes

January 14, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM. Commission members present were: Sheila Bentley, Albert Grobmeyer, Wayne Kneipp, Gary Siebenschuh, Hailin Swan, and Crystal Warren. Sophie Morgan, the student representative, was also present. Joellyn Brazile was absent. The Town of Collierville representative was John Fox.

The meeting opened with introductions of the new members. Commission members then provided a brief description of themselves to the new members. Wayne Kneipp explained the Commission Purpose, Mission, Responsibilities, etc. Officers for the 2014 term were elected as follows: Chair, Wayne Kneipp; Vice-Chair, Crystal Warren; Secretary, Joellyn Brazile. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved by Gary Siebenschuh and seconded by Crystal Warren.

A summary of the Commission's accomplishments in 2013 was given, which segued into the potential events and goals for 2014. During discussion of the Great Backyard Bird Count, Sheila Bentley volunteered to distribute information regarding the event to the local schools. Sophie Morgan volunteered to assist Sheila, if needed. Sheila Bentley, Albert Grobmeyer, and Gary Siebenschuh volunteered to judge Incarnation Catholic School's Science Fair in February. The Commission agreed to try to publish an environment-related article in the newspapers at least once a month. A list was passed around for members to sign up for a particular month in which to write an article. During the discussion regarding Fair on the Square, Gary Siebenschuh moved to spend \$60 on the booth fee. Albert Grobmeyer seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The goals for the Commission determined to be important by the BMA were briefly discussed. The goals include increasing public awareness of recycling, grasscycling, and loose-leaf collection; collaboration between Town Departments; and providing educational signs near the Wolf River and Nonconnah Creek.

Also, the Commission discussed potential tours that would be beneficial to the group. Crystal Warren volunteered to contact Lisa Williams about touring the Shelby County Hazardous Waste facility sometime in April. Other tours mentioned included the Town's waste water treatment plant, Strawberry Plains, Recommunity, and RockTenn.

An update from the Town was requested from John Fox. John informed the Commission that Public Services had been selected by the BMA to provide recycling services for residents when the contract with Republic Services terminates (May 31). The Town will provide 95-gallon carts to residents who currently recycle, and residents will be able to keep their currently used bins.

Gary Siebenschuh moved that the meeting be adjourned. Sheila Bentley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.