

Collierville Environmental Commission Minutes  
February 11, 2020

David Perry, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:31pm. In attendance were Sheila Bentley, Charles Green, Mary Prascak, Michael Kelley, Rebecca Lassiter (student member), David Fox (Town Liaison), Jim Pruett. Absent: Carlos Bibbs.

Secretary Valerie Tingley present to take notes.

Minutes for the January 14 meeting were reviewed; no corrections. Motion was made to accept, seconded and unanimously passed.

**Agenda Items:**

**Backyard Bird Count:** Sheila was commended on her efforts to get the word out regarding The Backyard Bird Count. It will be held this weekend, Feb 14-17, and all are asked to participate.

**Board of Mayor and Alderman meeting:** At yesterday's meeting, we presented 3 CHS students with the Collierville Forward Award for a composting app they created. A reporter from the Commercial Appeal was present to interview the students for an upcoming newspaper article..

**Arbor Day:** Plans for Arbor Day include planting a tree on either parkland or school property. John will follow up with the Parks dept. to see if a tree is needed at the Johnson Park Arboretum. This will be planned for early March, exact date to be determined. David will contact Ladd's Tree service to set up planting. Mary Prasek volunteered to distribute 300 tree saplings, which we will get at no cost; she would appreciate any help with this.

**Collierville Forward Award:** Discussion on how we can advertise for nominations; a few ideas were suggested; Val and others will follow up on this. A subcommittee will be formed to oversee this award; meeting at Starbucks on Poplar on Wed Feb 19<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Sheila will head this committee for the time being.

**Fair on the Square:** We will have a booth and hand out free items including re-usable shopping bags, coloring books for kids, biodegradable dog waste bags, and other items to be decided on in future meetings. Budget for these items was discussed; Sheila made a motion that we can use up to \$1000 of our annual funds for Fair on the Square. The motion was

seconded and passed unanimously. Anyone manning the booth should purchase a white polo shirt, which can be embroidered with CEC logo. Jennifer Casey will assist with handouts and a vertical poster to advertise our booth. We may need a new canopy tent; this will be addressed at the March meeting.

**E-cycle Day:** A company has contacted us about holding a recycling day for electronic items. Mike volunteered to contact the company to set up a day, preferably in September when school is in session.

**New Business:** There is an upcoming meeting regarding Collierville's water supply, sponsored by Protect the Aquifer. Discussion followed with Mike Kelly supplying details on Superfund sites in Collierville. Board members are encouraged to attend the meeting on Feb 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at the Quonset. We should be educated on this very important issue. Also related to our water supply: the public should be advised not to flush medications; they can be discarded in the trash (landfills are lined so chemicals can't leech into the aquifer). Also, the Police Dept will be holding a drug take-back day on April 26.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Next meeting Tues March 10 at 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted, Valerie Tingley, secretary