



## Collierville Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting: September 13, 2022 6:35-7:55PM

Public Service Facility, 500 Keough Rd

### Agenda

1. Call to order at 6:35pm
  - a. Board members present:
    - ✓ Sheila Bentley
    - ✓ Paul Brister
    - ✓ Grant Gates
    - ✓ Kathryn Martin
    - ✓ Michelle Obenour
    - ✓ Clay Ticer
    - ✓ Mary Urrutia
  - b. Board members unable to attend:
    - Josh Russell
    - Orpheus Triplett
2. August meeting minutes approved as is.

### Active Items

1. Community Summit Series
  - a. Invasive Plants / Urban Forestry
    - i. Tuesday Oct 4, 6-7:30pm, Halle room at the library, speakers:
      1. Wes Hopper – Germantown Arborist
        - a. Topics: tree conservation, planting, canopy, maintenance, etc...
        - b. Gift: **Paul** - talk to him about interests or favorite charity
      2. Mary Schmidt from Lichterman Center (\$150 speaker fee)
        - a. Topic: native plants
    - ii. **Paul** - contact finance dept concerning speaker payment/donation to Lichterman Center. Also get guidelines regarding what we can/cannot spend our money on.
    - iii. Motion **approved** for up to \$400 for speaker fees, gifts, and giveaways/educational items
    - iv. **Kathryn** - contact Arbor Foundation and Missouri Dept of Conservation for seedlings
  - b. Recycling –
    - i. Nov 10<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. Speaker: Amber's coworker with Chester County
    - iii. Additional speaker, **Paul** - call TN Dept of Conservation
  - c. 2023 Planning & Venue Reservations
    - i. Library would prefer to have these scheduled out 6+ months in advance.
      1. **All CEC members** - come to the next meeting with topics/ideas and possible speakers
    - ii. Beekeeping and fireflies / Insects - Spring
2. Milk carton campaign
  - a. No local options for recycling the cartons.
  - b. **Kathryn** – send update to family who wrote letter about this

### 3. Social media campaign idea:

- a. **All CEC members** - Look through town tonnage numbers that Clay passed out and brainstorm what we think is important for social media

### 4. Recycling Education

- a. Any feedback from elementary schools? – **Josh**, reach out to LeAnn again
- b. HOA outreach status – letter, handout, HOA list, [CEC@collierville.gov](mailto:CEC@collierville.gov)
  - i. Paul will email the form letter to the group
  - ii. Jennifer Casey will reach out to HOA contacts. If they are interested in receiving the information, she can send the letter to them.
- c. Small flyer, quarter-sheet size of paper being drafted for the recycling guidelines.
- d. The education campaign is mainly for elementary schools. Grant mentioned the high school does not recycle and uses many single-use items, especially for lunch. This could be our next focus area regarding education. **Grant** will reach out to the environmental club to establish that line of communication and share with them what we are doing.
- e. Various ideas regarding how we can distribute recycling educational information: all social media accounts, Next Door app, local paper, top area of utility bill, HOA groups, Tour Collierville magazine (**Mickey** will call Tour Collierville to see pricing and how the process works).

### 5. Dark Sky / Streetlights

- a. Update on city's assessment - town may purchase LED light bulbs from MLGW and replace all streetlights
- b. **Josh** – when is the city making the final decision/planning on presenting this information to the Board?
- c. This presents a great opportunity for our committee to write a letter to the Board with our recommendations (light specifics, covers, etc...)
  - i. **Mickey** – draft letter (**Kathryn** send her the info)
  - ii. Before the letter is sent to the board we should reach out to the dark sky and astronomical society speakers to get their endorsement/support for these initiatives.

### 6. Tree Canopy - (Brant Sollis 901-457-2347 / Carrie Phillips 901-457-2357)

- a. TN Dept of Forestry will be doing a canopy cover study and results will be free for all municipalities.

### 7. Fair on the Square – 2023

- a. Registration is usually open well in advance, keep an eye on this as we may need to register before the end of the year.

## Ongoing

8. Budget - \$2000

9. Town Updates

10. New Business & Tracking of Completed Projects

- a. New sign for the Johnson Park Arboretum
  - i. **Clay** - check with the town's sign shop, if they printed it there should be a record
  - ii. **Sheila** - call forestry dept to see if there are specifics on what the sign has to say
- b. Calendar
- c. Glass recycling – Standard Construction and EPLEX cannot use/crush the raw material

11. Adjournment 7:55pm

## 2022 Completed Projects

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| 1. Great Backyard Bird Count (COMPLETED)     | 4. Fair on the Square (COMPLETED)                      |
| 2. Tree City Designation Renewal (COMPLETED) | 5. Recycle Saturday (COMPLETED)                        |
| 3. Arbor Day Tree Planting (COMPLETED)       | 6. Summit Series – Star Light, Star Bright (COMPLETED) |