



Collierville Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting: March 21, 2023 6:34-8:09PM

Public Service Facility, 500 Keough Rd

Agenda

1. Call to order at 6:34pm

Board members present:

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| ✓ Sheila Bentley | ✓ Kathryn Martin |
| ✓ Paul Brister | ✓ Michelle Obenour |
| ✓ Grant Gates | ✓ Mary Urrutia |
| ✓ Brian Huntington | |

Board members unable to attend:

Edgar Jimenez
Bethany Schmidt
Clay Ticer

2. February 2023 meeting minutes approved as is.

Active Items

1. CEC Student Member Solicitation for 2023-2024 school year

- a. **Paul / Clay** - confirm details to ensure we advertise this to have the Mayor and Board choose a new member in April, so the new member can attend the May meeting.

2. Fair on the Square – May 6&7, 2023

a. Pamphlets

i. 4 left over from last year:

- Native plants/butterflies
- Storm water and drains
- Grass cycling
- Recycling guidelines

ii. Create 2 new ones:

- Mickey** – recycle / garbage collection tips (i.e. can placement, plastic grocery bags should be bagged not loose, where to drop off hazardous waste and what can/cannot be collected curbside)
- Kathryn** – Dark Sky Initiative

iii. **Clay** – We need a plastic pamphlet holder for six pamphlets.

- Quarter sheets: Double sided, seedling specific information on one side, how to plant instructions on back.
- Reference sheets: Full page, color, laminated with image and information on each seedling.
 - Paul, Kathryn, Mickey** to work on these.
- Large cardboard trifold - what you can/cannot recycle from last year.
- Games – Spin wheel (work on questions), sorting trash/recycle game (reuse from last year)
- Buttonbush seedlings

- g. Tree seedlings ordered (Dogwood, Christmas tree pine, Overcup Oak)
- h. Need promotional items – **Paul** will look at the list Mickey put together and decide.
- i. Committee shirts
 - i. **Paul** – reach out to the awards place to see about shirts with CEC logo.
 - ii. Another option - Collierville Screen Print (449 US 72 Suite 105)
- j. Booth Schedule
- k. Motion to spend up to \$1550 for shirts, promotional items, pamphlets, and other supplies required for Fair on the Square and Recycle Saturday – **Approved**.

3. Glass recycling

- a. Mary has done a lot of research and talked to several companies.
- b. Strategic Materials is one of the largest glass recyclers, they are trying to get Memphis' glass for recycling, once they do, we could piggyback on it and create a plan from there.

4. Community Summit Series

- a. June 8 – fireflies (Charity) and natural pest control/ecofriendly lawn control/composting (composting council / Brian Mason – Parks and Rec (901-508-2626) /)
 - i. Ask library to see if they can open sign ups earlier.
 - ii. Ask Jennifer Casey to advertise 1-2 weeks prior with flier created by library.
- b. Sep 14 – Trees (Wes Hopper) and leaves
- c. Nov 9 - Sustainability / recycling (Amber) and Energy Conservation (TVA)

5. Conservation Corner

- a. March Topic complete and sent to Jennifer for posting - Spring planting tips/ native plants
- b. April Topic – **Edgar**, Grass cycling, post with Sophia's grass cycling video – **Mickey** email him information for the post.
- c. *Timeline expectation for write ups*
 - i. If you are responsible for writing the post, please have it complete and emailed out to the group prior to that month's meeting. **Mickey** - email it to Jennifer for posting to town social media.

6. Recycle Saturday – April 22, 2023 – Earth Day!

- a. E-Cycling & Habitat Confirmed from 9:00 to 1:00 pm @ WCMS (Frank and Byhalia)
- b. Flier needs editing with what can/cannot be accepted – **Paul**
 - i. Once finalized, send to Jennifer for advertising
- c. New signs needed with date

7. Recycling Education

- a. Goal – reduce contamination.
- b. General plan:
 - i. Pick one elementary school to go to each Friday (5 schools, 5 Fridays)
 - ii. Focus only on one grade to keep the group small and keep the kid's attention (3rd, 4th or 5th?)
 - iii. Take the recycle truck, allow students to look and ask questions.
 - iv. Kids work in teams on a game regarding what you can/cannot recycle. Have clean items for kids to sort into a trash bin vs a recycle bin.
 - v. Send fliers home for a contest for kids to commit to recycling, must have their parents sign it. Class that gets the most signed papers returned wins a pizza party.

8. Dark Sky / Streetlights

- a. No update on city's consultant assessment & learnings since last meeting

5. Tree Canopy & Town Ordinances -

- a. Arboretum tree planting update
- b. Review of Collierville Tree Ordinances – aim to gather them this summer and review for possible changes.

- c. Tree Canopy project
- d. Bradford Pear buyback, is there a grant available for something like this?

Ongoing

- 9. Budget - \$1650
- 10. Town Updates
 - a. Price charged per ton for recycling is up to \$50/ton from \$35.
- 11. New Business & Tracking of Completed Projects
- 12. Adjournment 8:09pm

Completed Projects:

Arbor Day Celebration

Great Backyard Bird Count

Community Summit Series – March - Bees & Butterflies