



Collierville Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting: January 10, 2023 6:32-8:08PM

Public Service Facility, 500 Keough Rd

Agenda

1. Call to order at 6:32pm

All board members present:

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| ✓ Sheila Bentley | ✓ Michelle Obenour |
| ✓ Paul Brister | ✓ Bethany Schmidt |
| ✓ Grant Gates | ✓ Clay Ticer |
| ✓ Edgar Jimenez | ✓ Mary Urrutia |
| ✓ Kathryn Martin | |

2. Approval of Nov minutes with one correction (spelling of Charity Seibert).

3. Selection of commission administrative positions:

- Chairman – Paul Brister
- Vice Chairman – Kathryn Martin
- Secretary – Michelle Obenour

4. Review of 2023 CEC Calendar and Goals for 2023

Active Items

1. Recycling Education

- Leanne Rainey will attend the Feb meeting to discuss recycling education and figure out how it can be best incorporated and for which groups of students
- What is our overall goal / message – increase recycling participation, lower percentage of contamination
- Bring recycle trucks, let the kids come out and look, ask questions. Fridays would work best for sanitation staff.
- Maybe STEM groups can go on a field trip to the wastewater treatment plant or the recycling facility.

2. Arbor Day Celebration [First Friday in March – March 3, 2023]

- Two tree planting locations:
 - Johnson Park – one tree in arboretum has died or fallen over, replace that one or just move the sign to a living tree already in arboretum.
 - Halle Park – native wetland tree to go along the coastline (**this will be the location of the official Arbor Day celebration)
- Motion to spend up to \$600 to buy two trees for Arbor Day – approved.
- Paul - contact Wes Hopper and town horticulturalist to determine tree types
- Clay – coordinate with Neil for tree placement and schedule with Mayor and Board

3. Community Summit Series – 6:30-8:30pm, Halle room at library

- March 9 - Bees (Chief Abeln) and Butterflies of the mid-South (Mary Schmidt)
 - Paul – send title and bio to Kathryn for library coordination
- June 8 – Fireflies (Charity Seibert), and natural pest control/ecofriendly lawn control/composting
 - Paul – contact Brian Mason – Parks and Rec (901-508-2626)
- Sep 14 – Trees (Wes Hopper) and leaves (town horticulturalist?)

- d. Nov 9 - Sustainability / recycling (Amber) and Energy Conservation (TVA)
- 4. Dark Sky / Streetlights
 - a. Assessment still ongoing. Still trying to get location of demonstration streetlights.
 - b. Continue to formalize Dark Sky presentation for Mayor and Board. Kathryn will send out the presentation from Charity Seibert.
- 5. Great Backyard Bird Count 2023, Feb 17-20 2023
 - a. Citizen science project.
 - b. Encourage participation through schools, local library, and community via social media.
 - c. Sheila will email schools with participation information.
 - d. Memphis TN Ornithological Society (MTOS) could organize a bird walk through Johnson Park.
 - i. Sheila - contact MTOS for someone who can lead the bird walk. (aim for weekend prior to count)
- 6. Social media campaign: CEC's Conservation Corner:
 - a. We have a schedule of monthly topics, which can be changed as needed. Each member has signed up to write a social media post and gather associated photos, videos, etc..
 - b. Timing goal: Email the writeup and media to the CEC for review prior to that months' meeting. We can discuss changes or edits as required at the meeting and Paul will finalize the information and send it to Jennifer Casey to post on the town's social media.
- 7. Glass Recycling
 - a. Mary has been researching to see what other towns in the surrounding area are doing.
 - b. Ultimately, we need to find an end user for crushed glass.
- 8. Tree Canopy - (Brant Sollis 901-457-2347 / Carrie Phillips 901-457-2357)
 - a. Discussion on goals for the year [Tree map, Ordinances, horticulturist]
 - b. Paul – pull tree ordinances.
 - c. Arboretum certification
 - d. Educational / Awareness campaign (website, communications, interactive maps, etc)
- 9. Fair on the Square – 2023
 - a. Clay – find out when registration is
 - b. Motion to spend up to \$150 on registration – approved.
 - c. Motion to spend up to \$100 for seed planting supplies – approved.
- 10. Recycle Saturday – 2023
 - a. Aim for April 22nd (earth day), back up is the 15th
 - b. Paul – reach out to Habitat and Electronics Recycler

Ongoing

- 11. Budget - \$1800
- 12. Town Updates
 - a. Clay – update town website with current CEC members and positions
- 13. New Business & Tracking of Completed Projects
 - a. Could start up "Collierville Forward" contest again
 - b. **Next meeting Feb 7th, NOT the 14th
- 14. Adjournment 8:08pm

2023 Completed Projects

- 1. PLACEHOLDER