



Collierville Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting: January 9, 2023 6:34-7:58PM

Public Service Facility, 500 Keough Rd

Agenda

1. Call to order at 6:34pm
2. Board members in attendance:
 - ✓ Mitch Ashkenaz
 - ✓ Sheila Bentley
 - ✓ Paul Brister
 - ✓ Kathryn Martin
 - ✓ Michelle Obenour
 - ✓ Mary Urrutia
 - ✓ Gina Work
3. Board members unable to attend:
 - a. Clay Ticer, second new member?
4. Welcome and introductions.
5. Selection of commission administrative positions for 2024
 - a. Paul Brister – Chairman
 - b. Kathryn Martin - Vice Chairman
 - c. Michelle Obenour - Secretary
6. Review of 2024 CEC Calendar and Goals for 2024

Active Items

1. Conservation Corner
 - a. **Paul** - January 2024 topic – Winter energy conservation ideas
 - b. **Mickey** - update topics for 2024, send to group and Jennifer
 - i. Ask Jennifer which format would be preferred, let her know we are seeking additional sources to publish the articles aside from social media (Collierville Herald, Dragon Digest at HS, Parent Square, Library newsletter)
 - ii. New topics can cover national issues, past site visits or events CEC has done, etc...
2. Arbor Day Celebration [First Friday in March – March 1, 2024]
 - a. Tree type and planting location
 - i. Three bald cypress along north or west side of pond in Halle park
 - ii. **Clay** - coordinate with Town Mayor and Aldermen
 - b. Motion to purchase up to 3 trees and spend up to \$300 for arbor day celebration - **approved.**
3. Great Backyard Bird Count 2024 (February 16 – 19, 2024)
 - a. Preparation and distribution of materials – group will coordinate via email to print flyers and pick schools to distribute them to.
 - b. <https://www.birdcount.org/>
 - c. Sheila – talk to MTOS contacts to coordinate bird walk weekend prior to GBBC.
4. Recycle Saturday 2024
 - a. Paul / Clay – coordinate location, date, and vendors:
 - i. Poplar Market Plaza, April 20th or May 11th 9am-1pm
 - ii. Schedule Habitat, ask to bring 2 trucks or remind them the importance of staying the full time.
 - iii. Schedule Ecycler
 - b. Start thinking about promotional items – Signs and flyers promoting event, bookmarks with recycle guidelines, magnets, reusable bags, etc...

- c. Clay – is there money in the sanitation dept budget to pay fees charged for flat screens and tube TVs? (if not, the ecycler will not be able to collect them).
5. Fair on the Square – 2024
- a. Booth reservation should open soon.
 - b. Seedlings need to be ordered.
6. 2024 Goal Discussion
- a. Objective: Identify key goals for CEC to accomplish in 2024 to ensure we keep focus and continue to positively impact our community – some ideas and reoccurring
 - i. Great Backyard Bird Count
 - ii. Arbor Day Celebration
 - iii. Recycle Saturday
 - iv. Fair on the Square
 - v. Recycle Education
 - vi. Community Summit Series Revamp
 - 1. More outdoor family friendly activities: Bird walk, Firefly walk, Dark sky / astronomy presentation.
 - vii. Expansion / new arboretum through grant funding
 - viii. Tree Canopy study, 4 mil\$ grant avail through dept of forestry for disadvantaged communities
 - 1. Shelby County may try to do the study, if not Paul is trying to find a local non-profit that can apply for grant funding to have the study done. Total cost for the county is \$136,000
 - ix. Conservation Corner

Ongoing

- 7. Budget - \$1900
- 8. Town Updates
- 9. New Business & Tracking of Completed Projects
 - a. **Clay** – Get Mike Larivee the waste numbers (costs and volume) so he can put a value proposition together regarding town composting services.
 - b. Motion to spend up to \$100 for shirts for new members – **approved**.
- 10. Adjournment 7:58pm