



Collierville Environmental Commission Agenda

Meeting: February 13, 2024 6:30-7:30PM

Public Service Facility, 500 Keough Rd

Agenda

1. Call to order 6:34pm
2. All board members in attendance:
 - ✓ Mitch Ashkenaz
 - ✓ Lindsay Bell
 - ✓ Sheila Bentley
 - ✓ Paul Brister
 - ✓ Kathryn Martin
 - ✓ Michelle Obenour
 - ✓ Clay Ticer
 - ✓ Mary Urrutia
 - ✓ Kristy Yueng
3. Review of 2024 CEC Calendar and Goals for 2024

Active Items

1. Great Backyard Bird Count 2024 (February 16 – 19, 2024)
 - a. Sheila sent info to all public schools, dropped off fliers, sent reminder emails
 - b. This Sat 8-10am, bird walk at Johnson Park
 - c. Sheila also sent bird walk info and GBBC info to Collierville Herald and they printed both articles.
 - d. jmark@colliervilleschools.org Dr Mark, possible contact for advertising on Parent Square
 - e. <https://www.birdcount.org/>
2. Arbor Day Celebration [First Friday in March – March 1, 2024]
 - a. Halle Park site for bald cypress approved from town.
 - b. Clay working on purchase and planting – bald cypress is \$175, purchase this and perhaps 2 smaller ones for \$300 or less.
 - c. Date is set with Town Mayor and Aldermen, time TBD
3. Recycle Saturday 2024
 - a. E-Cycle and Habitat Confirmed for Saturday April 20
 - b. Clay working on permission for new location
 - c. Recycling awareness
 - i. “Bumper sticker” for recycle carts, and seedlings for handouts
 - d. Revamp the flier with applicable info as to what can / cannot be accepted
 - e. Paul- Talk to E-cycler about how much they charge for flat screens TVs and CRT monitors. Clay – can sanitation absorb this cost or not?
4. Fair on the Square – 2024
 - a. Booth reservation emailed into coordinator.
 - b. Motion to spend \$100 for booth fee – **approved.**
 - c. Plan for the booth:
 - i. Promo items, Mickey gather ideas and email group - Insulated grocery bags, coloring books, Swedish dishcloths (allcity.com)
 - ii. Sheila – ask for bird coloring books from MTOS again
 - iii. Possible fact sheets to create:
 1. How to care for a tree
 2. Invasive species, what they look like, what they are

- iv. Motion to spend remaining balance on promo items – **approved.**
 - v. Paul – order tree seedlings: Willow oak, Staghorn Sumac, Overcup Oak, Pecan
5. Tree Canopy Update
- a. Shelby county office of sustainability submitted application for canopy study. Even if they don't get the grant they will probably purchase the software.
6. 2024 Goal Finalization
- 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
 - 1. Firm up plan for Fall education days at elementary schools
 - vi. Community Summit Series Revamp
 - 1. Bird walk, astronomy night, firefly walk
 - vii. Expansion / new arboretum through grant funding
 - 1. TN - Community Tree Planting Program (TAEP)
<https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/forests/urban/community-tree-planting-program.html>
 - viii. Tree Canopy study
 - ix. Glass Recycling – Epic glass recycling in Little Rock, AR, they'll come pick up glass for free. Paul will set up Zoom call
 - x. Bradford Pear invasive species trade
 - xi. Recognition

Ongoing

- 7. Budget - \$1900
- 8. Town Updates
- 9. New Business & Tracking of Completed Projects
 - a. Should we take a stand on the bill prosed about wetlands? As the CEC? Article in the Herald?
 - b. Clay – schedule us for 15 mins with the Mayor and Board at the end of March
 - c. Clay – get overall waste numbers to Mike Larivee for composting value proposition
- 10. Adjournment 8:17pm