



## Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

**SUBJECT:** Ecology and Environmental Awareness Committee

**DATE:** September 27, 2007

**LOCATION:** City Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Main Conf. Room

**FROM:** Paul Wojciechowski, Director of Public Works / City Engineer

**ATTENDEES:** Cynthia Garnholz, Diane Meyer, Patti Griesbaum, Punit Jain , Fran Lang, M. Lee Gerdelman, Martha Kohn, Sonya Gierada (Clayton HS Student), Antonella Rastelli, Paul Wojciechowski

**ABSENT:** Anne Bishop

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Paul called the meeting to order @ 5:00 pm.

Minutes from May, June and July 2007 were reviewed and a motion was made by Diane to approve them. This was seconded by Fran and approved by all present.

### **Art Fair Debriefing**

Paul stated that AB provided recycling containers for the City of Clayton to use at events, and volunteers were solicited to monitor the recycling at the Art Fair. The cans were nowhere near the number of trash cans and they were placed near booths selling drinks but not necessarily right next to trash cans. Volunteers were given an instruction sheet and a T-Shirt for helping out.

Sonya, who arranged help from Clayton High School, stated that the effort to recycle was not real good. Attendees of the Art Fair threw trash in the recycle bins and volunteers ended up picking out the trash to keep the recycle bins free of trash. Even when volunteers suggested that recycling be put in the bins and trash be placed in trash containers, people did not respond positively. One idea that was brought up was to place the recycling bins directly next to trash cans. Another comment was to add a sign on the trash cans state "No Aluminum, Glass or Plastic". Another idea was to have the City provide utensils and containers for food that is environmentally friendly.

Paul indicated that over 500 pounds of recycling was collected. Whether this is good or bad is up for debate since this is the first time the City made a major push for recycling. One question that was also asked was how much trash was collected.

One thing that would help is to publicize recycling more prior to the events, although the recycling push for the Art Fair had an article written in the Post Dispatch that was also run on the AP wire nationally.

Another question posed is whether or not Cultural Festival would mandate recycling by restaurants. Paul said this was not likely.

Sonya stated that when restaurants were asked about recycling in the area of the fair, most did not respond positively.

Another recommendation from the committee is for the Board of Alderman recognizes the Clayton HS volunteers for their work at the Art Fair.

### **Recycling Program for Businesses and Restaurants**

Elements of a questionnaire were discussed and mark ups to the sample provide by Paul were provide for revision to the questionnaire. Paul will revise the document based on comments.

### **Other Items**

A contact at Centene Stadium is needed regarding recycling. At events at the stadium, a significant impact can be made if recycling were offered.

Earth ways Center has an energy festival this coming weekend.

The US Green Building Council is having its conference in Chicago this fall.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 25, 2007 from 6 PM to 7 PM at Clayton City Hall, unless the 5:00 pm meeting time works better for everyone. Agenda items should be sent to Paul.

cc: Michael Schoedel, City Manager  
Lenore Toser-Aldaz, Deputy City Manager  
June Waters, City Clerk