



Meeting Minutes

SUBJECT: Ecology and Environmental Awareness Committee

DATE: January 24, 2008

LOCATION: City Hall, 1st Floor Main Conf. Room

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

ATTENDEES: Cynthia Garnholz, Diane Meyer, Punit Jain , Fran Lang, Martha Kohn, Sonya Gierada (Clayton Green Club), Paul Wojciechowski

ABSENT: M. Lee Gerdelman, Patti Griesbaum, Antonella Rastelli, Anne Bishop

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

A motion to approve the minutes from November 1, 2007, was made by Punit and seconded by Diane. All present voted to approve the minutes.

Discussion on Action Items

Paul began going through several items on the memo from last year regarding environmental activities suggested by the committee. One item, which is a Greening Clayton Section of City Views has resulted in a Green Section of our website that will have its' own logo and include significant EEAC information. Paul will continue to develop at least a small section of the City Views publication devoted to a thought or other beneficial item involving the EEAC. Sonya noted the motion switches in City Hall for the lights in the bathrooms and asked how this was implemented so she could approach Clayton HS on doing this. Paul stated that the City purchased the switches at Home Depot and had them installed with the City Maintenance staff. She will investigate this with Tim Wonish of the School District.

Paul also noted that the "Hybrid Vehicle Parking Only" sign was installed in the rear City Hall lot as a test. Paul also noted that the City received a negative comment regarding the use of the Toyota Hybrid Prius as a City vehicle. Paul stated that as soon as an American manufacturer offers a hybrid electric vehicle in the car form, the City will look to utilize those vehicles. Until then, we are buying Hybrid Ford Escapes where applicable for operations, and leasing the Prius for other operations that do not require a SUV.

Paul outlined the review process in development projects that the City works with and how we address environmental sustainability issues on these projects

Punit commented that the Plan Commission/ARB just this week approved the TOD ordinance that includes a requirement that all buildings in this overlay be LEED certified.

Cynthia stated that she did not have a copy of the Blueprint for Action. Paul will e-mail a copy. In addition, Paul will send a copy of memos over the past two years that provide an update on the

status of the Blueprint. In addition, Paul will prepare a document for Posting in the Green Section of the website regarding what we are doing on this Blueprint and the progress that has been made.

Cynthia noted that the Board is working on a Vision document that includes goals and strategies for the City. Included is a goal of being a leader in environmental initiatives. This document has been discussed in an open forum at the last two Board meetings and will be approved at the next Board meeting on February 12, 2008. Punit asked if the committee could comment on the document. This is a public document and comments are welcome and will be considered, but at this time may not change the document.

Paul mentioned, and handed out a flier, regarding the electronic recycling event that will take place on March 21 and 22 at Shaw Park. The City has sponsored this event the last three years with WITS.

Questionnaire for Businesses and Restaurant Recycling

Paul stated that the questionnaire is ready to go, however, since there is a lot of activity going on right now in the City, the distribution of this will be postponed until the spring.

Earth Day Activities

Paul stated that Patty DeForrest and the Parks Department will be holding Earth Day 2008 on April 26, 2007, with the theme being Reuse, Reduce and Recycle. Patty will be invited to the next meeting to discuss the event further as a follow up to the discussion on November 1, 2007.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 28, 2008 from 5 PM to 6 PM at Clayton City Hal. Agenda items should be sent to Paul in advance.

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