

MINUTES
Ad Hoc Clean Air Counts Advisory Committee
February 2, 2009
Municipal Complex, 100 W. Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, IL

I. Call to Order

City staff Mitchell began the meeting at 7:03 p.m. on February 2, 2009, at the Municipal Complex in Crystal Lake.

II. Roll Call/Attendance

Introductions of Committee members and other attendees were conducted. Present were the following Committee members: Pat Dieckhoff, Chair Kim Hankins, Elizabeth Puchmelter, Vice-Chair Lehn Shepherd and Pauline Walker. Steve Fuller arrived later in the meeting. Linda Gaska was absent. Also present were Joe Lewis, Lynne Wickham, Wickham Interiors, Andy Andresky, 1776 Restaurant, and Brad Mitchell, Assistant to the City Manager.

III. Public Comment

Lynne Wickham of Wickham Interiors asked for assistance from the Committee to encourage recycling among businesses in Downtown Crystal Lake. Member Dieckhoff stated that she researched other communities and counties and found that a franchise seems to work the best. Vice-Chair Shepherd suggested dumpster sharing. Member Dieckhoff will conduct some further research. Ms. Wickham will reach out to the Downtown / Main Street Organization.

Andy Andresky, of 1776 Restaurant and McHenry County Board of Health President, discussed the creation of an Environmental Health Advisory Committee. Mr. Andresky is looking for the Committee to help spread the word in hopes of finding volunteers for the Committee. Mr. Andresky will attend the March 2, 2009 Committee meeting to get feedback from Committee members and provide an update on the creation of an Environmental Health Advisory Committee.

IV. Approval of Minutes of the January 5, 2009 Regular Meeting

Vice-Chair Shepherd moved to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2009 regular meeting. Member Dieckhoff seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye. Motion passed.

V. Clean Air Counts Participation Status – Silver Level

A. Provide Evidence of Implementing Outreach Efforts to Promote Clean Air Initiatives

i. Chamber Mixer

Chair Hankins provided information on the meeting she attended regarding the Mixer. The Committee agreed to participate at the mixer on February 19, 2009 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Black Diamond Plumbing and Electric and have a table there with information. Chair Hankins and Member Puchmelter will attend the mixer on behalf of the Committee. Chair Hankins also stated that she will be meeting with the new Chair of the Green Business Task Force Committee

on Friday, February 6, 2009 to discuss how the Green Business Task Force and the Ad Hoc Clean Air Counts Advisory Committee can work together.

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ii. Newsletter Articles

City staff Mitchell stated that the articles for the February/March 2009 City newsletter had been submitted. City staff Mitchell stated that the deadline for articles for the April/May 2009 City newsletter is in early March.

iii. Website

City staff Mitchell stated the City's new website is active.

B. Implementing VOC Reduction Measures

City staff Mitchell that the City is looking into low VOC-content cleaning solvents for municipal operations.

C. Host and Promote Events

i. Gas Can Replacement Program

Member Dieckhoff provided prices from William Charles Environmental Services, LLC for the disposal of the old gas and cans. Member Puchmelter contacted Arc Disposal but never received a returned call. Member Puchmelter contacted ACE and found out that for a 1-gallon can the price would be \$5.19 and for a 2-gallon can the price would be \$6.11. There are thousands of cans available in ACE's warehouse. Member Fuller wants to make sure that this event does have an impact. Member Puchmelter stated that the can replacement would be an education issue. City staff Mitchell suggested doing the event in conjunction with another event to possibly get a better turnout.

ii. Proposed Bicycle Event

Member Fuller stated that the bicycle sub-committee met and discussed holding a bike event in May. The sub-committee felt that the event should incorporate the Mayor, such as Bike with the Mayor. The different bicycle shops would participate in the event and host informational sessions. Member Walker suggested raffling off different bike items. Member Fuller will send an email to Mayor Shepley to request his participation.

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D. Implement the Energy Efficiency Measures

There was no discussion.

E. Implement/Promote Fleet Management and Commuter Choice Measures

i. Bicycle Path Program

There was no discussion.

ii. Idling

Member Fuller will follow-up Larry O'Meara regarding the status of getting support letters from the Superintendents of Districts 47 & 155 to put up no-idling signs at the schools. City staff Mitchell distributed draft letters from the Clean Air Counts Campaign that can be sent to parents educating them on the no-idling signs. The Committee will revisit the letters at the next meeting.

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F. Implement/Promote Regulatory Changes

Vice-Chair Shepherd stated that he received a response back from Latika Bhide, City Planner, regarding the proposed UDO. There are some regulations in the UDO that might apply towards the Clean Air Counts Campaign. Vice-Chair Shepherd will research other City ordinances.

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G. Implement/Promote Programs

i. Business Development

There was no discussion.

VI. Open Discussion

There was no open discussion.

VII. Next Meeting Date

The Committee agreed that the next meeting date will be March 2, 2009.

VIII. Adjourn

There being no further business, Member Fuller moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. Vice-Chair Shepherd seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye. Motion passed.