

MINUTES
Ad Hoc Clean Air Counts Advisory Committee
April 6, 2009
Municipal Complex, 100 W. Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, IL

I. Call to Order

Chair Hankins began the meeting at 7:00 p.m. on April 6, 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, Steve Fuller, Chair Kim Hankins, Elizabeth Puchmelter, Vice-Chair Lehn Shepherd and Pauline Walker. Also present were Joe Lewis, Mark Elmore, Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce Green Business Task Force, and Brad Mitchell, Assistant to the City Manager.

III. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IV. Approval of Minutes of the March 2, 2009 Regular Meeting

Vice-Chair Shepherd moved to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2009 regular meeting. Member Fuller seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye. Motion passed.

V. Chamber of Commerce Involvement

Mr. Elmore stated that communication between the Clean Air Counts Committee and Green Business Task Force is important. Chair Hankins will discuss further with members of the Green Business Task Force on the roles of both organizations.

VI. Clean Air Counts Participation Status – Silver Level

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

i. Newsletter Articles

Member Fuller stated that he submitted articles for the April/May City newsletter.

ii. Website

Vice-Chair Shepherd stated that he would work on getting more information added to the website.

B. Implementing VOC Reduction Measurers

There was no discussion.

C. Host and Promote Events

i. Bike with the Mayor Event

The bike sub-committee members provided an update to the planning of the “Bike with the Mayor” event on Saturday, May 16, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. The Committee discussed ways to promote the event. City staff Mitchell stated that this event would be reviewed by the City Council at the April 21, 2009 City Council meeting. City staff Mitchell encouraged Committee members to attend the City Council meeting. The bike sub-committee will continue to plan for this event.

D. Implement the Energy Efficiency Measures

Committee members inquired about the City’s efforts to establish green purchasing guidelines. Vice-Chair Shepherd will draft a letter to the City expressing the Committee’s support for green purchasing guidelines.

E. Implement/Promote Fleet Management and Commuter Choice Measures

i. Bicycle Path Program

There was no discussion.

ii. Idling

City staff Mitchell stated that he is waiting for formal letters from Districts 47 and 155 regarding their support for the no-idling signs program. City staff Mitchell will send an email the Superintendents for Districts 47 and 155.

F. Implement/Promote Regulatory Changes

There was no discussion.

G. Implement/Promote Programs

i. Business Development

There was no discussion.

VII. Open Discussion

Chair Hankins stated that there should be a focus on recycling in the downtown area and that the Committee should discuss this further at a future Committee meeting.

Member Walker stated that the Committee should look into working with the school districts to create a program in which adult leaders would assist walking kids to school.

Member Dieckhoff stated that the Law and Policy Center will host a public forum on Sunday, April 26, 2009. Also, Member Dieckhoff stated that the 2009 Green Guide would be available in the Northwest Herald on April 22, 2009.

City staff Mitchell stated that the Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce/Crystal Lake Park District Community Clean Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2009. Also, City staff Mitchell asked the Committee if there was interest in participating in this year’s

Farmers' Market. The Committee agreed to participate. City staff Mitchell will inform Downtown Crystal Lake / Main Street Director Diana Kenney of the Committee's interest.

VIII. Next Meeting Date

The Committee agreed that the next meeting date will be May 4, 2009.

IX. Adjourn

There being no further business, Vice-Chair Shepherd moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Member Walker seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye. Motion passed.