

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

I. Call to Order

Chair Hankins began the meeting at 7:01 p.m. on March 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, Steve Fuller, Chair Kim Hankins, Elizabeth Puchmelter, and Pauline Walker. Vice-Chair Lehn Shepherd was absent. Also present were Laura Knezevic, Environmental Law & Policy Center, Larry O'Meara, Joe Lewis, John Kavalunas, Jeff Crittenden, Village Peddler, Terry A. Dieckhoff, and Brad Mitchell, Assistant to the City Manager.

III. Public Comment

Laura Knezevic, of the Environmental Law & Policy Center, explained the Clean Cars Act. Ms. Knezevic asked that the Crystal Lake City Council pass a resolution in favor of the Clean Cars Act. Ms. Knezevic will forward a draft resolution to City staff Mitchell. The Committee agreed to try to pursue a resolution from the City Council in support of the Act.

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

Member Fuller moved to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2009 regular meeting. Member Dieckhoff seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye. Motion passed.

V. Chamber of Commerce Involvement

Chair Hankins stated that she met with Carol Galizi, of the Green Business Task Force, to discuss how the Clean Air Counts Committee and Green Business Task Force could work together. Chair Hankins stated that more discussion is needed to figure out the roles.

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 will submit articles for the April/May 2009 City newsletter.

ii. Website

City staff Mitchell stated that the agendas and minutes for the Committee meetings will be posted on the website.

B. Implementing VOC Reduction Measurers

There was no discussion.

C. Host and Promote Events

i. Gas Can Replacement Program

Member Dieckhoff stated that she researched other communities recycling events. Chair Hankins suggested that the Committee focus on educating the new gas can law. The Committee agreed to focus on education of the new law and possibly plan for a larger recycling event in 2010 that would include a gas can replacement program.

ii. Proposed Bicycle Event

Member Fuller explained the proposed details of the Bike with the Mayor event on May 16, 2009. The Village Peddler, Ski & Bike, and Wheel Werks are all interested in participating in the event and would have booths with different information about biking, such as bike safety and commuting. Member Dieckhoff discussed the idea of hosting a kid rodeo. Representatives from the McHenry County Conservation District were in attendance to offer their assistance on the bike trail during the event. Chair Hankins stated that she will contact the McHenry County Conservation District Police to discuss their potential participation. Mr. Lewis stated that everyone should wear helmets at the event. The bike sub-committee agreed to meet on Monday, March 16, 2009 to discuss the proposed event in further detail.

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

Larry O'Meara stated that that District 155 already made no-idling signs for their schools' parking lots. City staff Mitchell will send an email to the Superintendents of Districts 47 and 155 to get a letter of support from them. Once the Committee receives the letters of support, they will bring this proposal to the City Council for their approval. The Committee discussed a possible Earth Day launch of the no-idling sign campaign at the schools.

F. Implement/Promote Regulatory Changes

There was no discussion.

G. Implement/Promote Programs

i. Business Development

There was no discussion.

VII. Open Discussion

Member Dieckhoff stated that Lynne Wickham was still in the information gathering stage regarding getting more businesses to recycle in downtown.

The Committee discussed the open vacancy left by Linda Gaska, who resigned from her seat on the Committee in February. City staff Mitchell will check into the process for filling the vacancy.

VIII. Next Meeting Date

The Committee agreed that the next meeting date will be April 6, 2009.

IX. Adjourn

There being no further business, Member Dieckhoff moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m. Member Fuller seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye. Motion passed.