

MINUTES
Ad Hoc Clean Air Counts Advisory Committee
August 3, 2009
Municipal Complex, 100 W. Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, IL

I. Call to Order

Chair Shepherd began the meeting at 7:04 p.m. on August 3, 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, Kim Hankins, Elizabeth Puchmelter, Chair Lehn Shepherd and Pauline Walker. Also present were John Kavalunas, Mark Elmore, Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce Green Business Task Force, Tom Jensen, Joe Lewis, Angela Jaeckel and Brad Mitchell, Assistant to the City Manager.

III. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IV. Approval of Minutes of the June 15, 2009 Regular Meeting

Member Fuller moved to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2009 regular meeting. Member Dieckhoff seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye. Motion passed.

V. Selection of Vice-Chair

Member Puchmelter moved to approve Member Fuller as Vice-Chair. Member Fuller gladly accepted the position. Member Dieckhoff seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye. Motion passed.

VI. City Updates

A. Agenda Item – fill vacant Committee seat and increase Committee size to 9

City staff Mitchell stated that these Committee items would be included on the August 18, 2009 City Council meeting agenda. Members were encouraged to attend the Council meeting.

B. Letter – supporting bicycle path issues

City staff Mitchell stated that he received an email from Joe Lewis indicating that the Committee did not have to write letter of support for the bicycle path issue for Vulcan Lakes since it was already included in the plans for the recreation area. Mr. Lewis still encouraged the Committee to write a letter of support regarding the Rakow Road bicycle path issue. Member Walker will draft a letter of support.

C. Climate Showcase Grant

Member Hankins will provide information on this grant at the next Committee meeting.

VII. Clean Air Counts Participation Status – Silver Level

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

i. Newsletter Articles

Vice-Chair Fuller stated that he would submit the newsletter submission for the Fall newsletter by August 10, 2009. The Committee discussed ideas for the newsletter, which included anti-idling and encouraging kids to bike or walk to school.

ii. Website

Chair Shepherd stated that he continues to work on improving the webpage and encourages members to submit information to post on the webpage. The Committee also discussed posting information on natural landscaping, the 350 Bike Ride, the McHenry County Challenge, as well as photos from the Bike with the Mayor Event. City staff Mitchell stated he would work with Chair Shepherd to get information posted on the webpage.

iii. Farmers' Market

Vice-Chair Fuller stated that he attended the July 18, 2009 Farmers' Market and approximately 30 people stopped by the Clean Air Counts booth. City staff Mitchell stated that the next Farmers' Market that the Committee agreed to attend would be August 15, 2009. Vice-Chair Fuller will be in attendance and display information on idling. Other Committee members were encouraged to attend the Farmers' Market as well.

iv. Johnny Appleseed Festival

City staff Mitchell stated that Breathe Easy Man was scheduled to make an appearance at the Johnny Appleseed Festival. Member Dieckhoff asked City staff Mitchell to verify that there are enough Breathe Easy Man coloring books to handout at the festival. Member Dieckhoff stated that the Energy Bike will also be available for the festival. Member Hankins offered her vehicle to transport the energy bike.

B. Implementing VOC Reduction Measurers

There was no discussion.

C. Host and Promote Events

i. Bike with the Mayor Event

The Committee suggested holding next year's event in late July.

ii. Movie Night – Food Inc.

Vice-Chair Fuller suggested that this event should be held in the winter. Member Dieckhoff stated that the Committee should work with the McHenry County Defenders and with other groups to sponsor this event. John Kavalunas will conduct some research on when the movie will be available and the process for

authorization to show the video. The Committee will conduct further research on possible locations to host the movie night event.

D. Implement the Energy Efficiency Measures

There was no discussion.

E. Implement/Promote Fleet Management and Commuter Choice Measures

i. Bicycle Path Program

City staff Mitchell updated the Committee on the City's efforts in working with the League of Illinois Bicyclists to create a Bike to Metra Guide that will identify bicycle routes to the two Metra stations in Crystal Lake. City staff Mitchell also updated the Committee on the City's efforts to establish a Bicycle Path Plan and indicated that City staff would soon like to meet with Committee to discuss the City's proposed plan.

ii. No-Idling Signs at Schools

Chair Hankins will contact the new District 47 Superintendent to discuss the proposed no-idling signs for the schools. Member Dieckhoff requested that no-idling signs be put up in the City Hall parking lot and the Library. Ms. Jaeckel volunteered to check with the library.

F. Implement/Promote Regulatory Changes

The Committee discussed wind turbines. Chair Shepherd and Mr. Elmore will conduct research.

G. Implement/Promote Programs

i. Chamber of Commerce Involvement

Mr. Elmore provided an update to the Committee on the Green Business Task Force audits.

ii. Business Development

Vice-Chair Fuller suggested highlighting one business in each newsletter that is making "green" efforts. The Committee agreed to further discuss business involvement at an upcoming meeting.

iii. Downtown Crystal Lake Business Recycling

Member Hankins and Member Dieckhoff reported that they continue to make efforts to coordinate a meeting with Downtown Crystal Lake businesses to discuss recycling. Member Dieckhoff suggested starting a pilot recycling program at City hall by placing a recycling can outside the main entrance next to the current garbage can. City staff Mitchell will look into this option and report back to the Committee.

iv. RecycleBank Program

Member Dieckhoff stated that she would like a representative from RecycleBank to attend a future Committee meeting to discuss the program. Member Dieckhoff stated that the program could be linked with shopping locally.

VIII. Open Discussion

Member Dieckhoff reminded the Committee about “Green Drinks” at Duke’s Alehouse and Kitchen on Wednesday, September 2, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Member Dieckhoff distributed information on the Bioneers at MCC to be held on Saturday, November 7, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Member Dieckhoff shared information on the 350 Bike Ride to occur in the County on Saturday, October 24, 2009. Those interested can sign up with the McHenry County Defenders.

The Committee discussed future meeting dates. Due to schedule conflicts of members in coming months, the Committee agreed to meet on a Monday one month and a Wednesday the next month and continue this rotation.

IX. Next Meeting Date

The Committee agreed that the next meeting date will be September 9, 2009.

X. Adjourn

There being no further business, Member Puchmelter moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. Member Dieckhoff seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye. Motion passed.