

MINUTES
Ad Hoc Clean Air Counts Advisory Committee
October 4, 2010
Municipal Complex, 100 W. Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, IL

I. Call to Order

Chair Shepherd began the meeting at 7:02 p.m. on October 4, 2010, at the Municipal Complex in Crystal Lake.

II. Roll Call/Attendance

Present were the following Committee members: Pat Dieckhoff, Vice-Chair Steve Fuller, John Kavalunas, Elizabeth Puchmelter, Chair Lehn Shepherd and Pauline Walker. Kim Hankins was absent. Also present were Joe Lewis of the McHenry County Bicycle Advocates, Mark Elmore of the Green Business Task Force, Jim Heisler and Assistant to the City Manager Brad Mitchell.

III. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IV. Approval of Minutes of the September 13, 2010 Regular Meeting

Member Dieckhoff moved to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2010 regular meeting. Member Walker seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye. Motion passed.

V. City Updates

A. Crystal Lake Draft Bicycle & Pedestrian Facility Master Plan

City staff Mitchell reminded the Committee of the upcoming Public Input Meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 14, 2010 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

B. Safe Routes to School

There was no update.

C. Rain Barrels

Chair Shepherd and Member Puchmelter shared with the Committee their research regarding rain barrels. Chair Shepherd discussed the ordinance regulations for rain barrels from Elk Grove Village. Chair Shepherd will draft a letter regarding the Committee's recommendations for a rain barrel ordinance.

VI. Clean Air Counts Participation Status – Silver Level

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

i. Farmers' Market

The Committee reflected on another good presence at the Farmers' Market. The Committee looks forward to participating at the 2011 Farmers' Market.

ii. Johnny Appleseed Festival

The Committee discussed some problems with the energy bike. The Committee would like to assure that the energy bike is properly functioning prior to using it again at next year's Johnny Appleseed Festival. A suggestion was brought up to possibly show a biking video.

iii. Newsletter

Vice-Chair Fuller will include information on eco-friendly de-icer.

iv. Website

The Committee discussed creating a Facebook page. City staff Mitchell will discuss with City staff and report back to the Committee.

B. Implementing VOC Reduction Measures

There was no discussion.

C. Host and Promote Events

i. Bike with your Neighbors

The Committee agreed to have a firm date set by February. Vice-Chair Fuller will check with Central High School regarding dates.

D. Implement the Energy Efficiency Measures

There was no discussion.

E. Implement/Promote Fleet Management and Commuter Choice Measures

i. No-Idling Signs at Schools

There was no discussion.

F. Implement/Promote Regulatory Changes

There was no discussion.

G. Implement/Promote Programs

i. Safer Pest Control Project (SPCP)

Member Dieckhoff stated that due to lack of funding the Safer Pest Control Project is on hold at this time.

ii. RecycleBank

There was no discussion.

iii. Chamber of Commerce/Business Involvement

Mr. Elmore stated that the Green Business Task Force is having difficulty sustaining membership.

iv. Recycling Update

Member Dieckhoff stated that she emailed Lynne Wickham regarding recycling options for downtown businesses and is awaiting a response.

City staff Mitchell stated that people are utilizing the new recycling can placed at the front entrance to City Hall.

VII. Open Discussion

Member Puchmelter asked for an update on the City's rain garden. City staff Mitchell stated that it is anticipated to be ready by Spring 2011.

VIII. Next Meeting Date

The Committee agreed that the next meeting date will be November 1, 2010.

IX. Adjourn

There being no further business, Member Kavalunas moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Vice-Chair Fuller seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye. Motion passed.