

MINUTES
Ad Hoc Clean Air Counts Advisory Committee
February 6, 2012
Municipal Complex, 100 W. Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, IL

I. Call to Order

Chair Fuller began the meeting at 7:04 p.m. on February 6, 2012, at the Municipal Complex in Crystal Lake.

II. Roll Call/Attendance

Present were the following Committee members: Todd Bright, Pat Dieckhoff, Chair Steve Fuller, Kim Hankins, David Modrzejewski, Elizabeth Puchmelter, Lehn Shepherd and Vice-Chair Pauline Walker. Also present were Councilmember Carolyn Schofield, Director of Engineering and Building Erik Morimoto, and Assistant City Engineer Abigail Wilgreen.

III. Approval of Minutes of the January 9, 2012 Regular Meeting

Vice-Chair Walker moved to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2012 regular meeting. Member Hankins seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye. Motion passed.

IV. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

V. City Updates

City staff Morimoto and City staff Wilgreen provided an update on the following City projects:

- SRTS grant received for Country Club Road bike path.
- STP grant money approved for Crystal Lake South High School bike path.
- CMAQ bike project design underway. A public meeting will be held on February 16, 2012. Members Dieckhoff and Hankins will attend public meeting to help answer questions. There is opposition from residents that live on Berkshire. A letter was sent to advertise public meeting. The bike lanes would be built in 2013.
- North Shore Drive Reroute. Construction is anticipated to begin late summer or fall 2012 or early in 2013.
- Chair Fuller stated that the City may be ready soon to apply for Bike Friendly Community status. Chair Fuller wants the Committee to be more of a resource for City staff to utilize in the process. The Committee will provide feedback on proposed bikeway corridor routes. The Committee will schedule a ride in early spring to look at proposed routes. City staff Morimoto will provide Committee members with email notice to help spread word about the February 16, 2012 public meeting.
- City staff Morimoto stated that the City's rain barrel ordinance will be updated in spring for small edits (ie. Max size up to 90 gallons). Councilmember Schofield suggested educating the stores selling rain barrels. Committee members could go to each store that sells them to provide them with a letter or brochure.
- City staff Morimoto stated that City staff is looking for group to adopt the bioswale at the intersection of Grant Street and Brink Street and help maintain and plant it each year. City staff will send Member Modrzejewski information on bioswale management for the Chamber of Commerce Cleanup Committee.

VI. CUB Energy Saver Program

Members Dieckhoff and Modrzejewski stated that they have signed up for the program. There were issues with the website crashing. Member Dieckhoff volunteered to sign-up group when ready. City staff Mitchell will check on process for City approval. Member Dieckhoff stated that 126 Crystal Lake residents have already signed up for the program. Member Modrzejewski will gather more information and look into ways to promote the initiative.

VII. 2012 Goals

A. 2012 Bike with Your Neighbor Event

Vice-Chair Walker suggested a scavenger hunt idea tied to bike event. Vice-Chair Walker will get more information and discuss with bike sub-committee. Sunday, June 24, 2012 is the tentative date for the event. Vice-Chair Walker, Member Shepherd, Member Bright and Member Dieckhoff will meet to discuss event. A tentative meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on February 13, 2012 at Dukes. A meeting with City Police and Public Works for logistics was suggested. The McHenry County Bicycle Advocates may also be able to support event and even provide small contribution.

B. Bike Plan/Comprehensive Bike Plan

The Committee will provide feedback on the proposed bike corridor routes. Also, the Committee will have representatives at the February 16, 2012 public meeting to assist with answering questions about the proposed bike corridor routes.

C. Discuss Status of Additional Goals

Member Hankins provided an update on cardboard recycling efforts. Member Hankins stated to look for 3 pilot projects for cardboard recycling with a grant that would provide dumpster/receptacles for business/shopping centers. Member Hankins asked the Committee for their approval to submit a letter of support for Environmental Defenders of McHenry County project. On voice vote, all voted aye. Motion passed. City staff Morimoto provided Member Hankins with a copy of her letter on City letterhead for Vice-Chair Walker's signature.

VIII. Open Discussion

Member Hankins stated that the Defenders of McHenry County will present an award to the City for environmental excellence at their annual meeting.

Member Hankins spoke with Eberhardt Veit with the McHenry County Bicycle Advocates regarding putting the CAC name on materials as supporters for their Crystal Lake Night Owl Bike event. The Committee consensus was to allow the CAC name to be added as a supporter.

Member Puchmelter inquired about the status of no-idling at schools. Member Modrzejewski noted compliance at Canterbury. Councilmember Schofield will check for compliance at the school her children attend. This item will be included on a future agenda to discuss ways to continue movement/education.

IX. Next Meeting Date – March 5, 2012

The Committee agreed that the next regular meeting date will be Monday, March 5, 2012.

X. Adjourn

There being no further business, Vice-Chair Walker moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Member Dieckhoff seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye. Motion passed.