

West Lafayette Go Greener Commission Meeting
Minutes of Regularly Scheduled Commission Meeting
Tuesday, April 12th, 2011, 7:15 PM
Council Chambers, West Lafayette City Hall

Attending: Diane Damico, Heather Gall, Aparna Puri, Lindsey Payne, Dave Henderson, Peter Bunder, Gene Hanus, Kristin Flannelly, Denise Blank, Allen Jacobsen, Rick Johnson
Absentees: Dan Schuster
Guest: Jim Richey

- I. Diane: Call to order
- II. Introductions
- III. Approve March 2011 minutes, Lindsey moves, Allen seconds, minutes approved
- IV. Diane: Announcements
 - a. Wabash Sampling Blitz – April 15th, 3-5PM, contact Sara Peel
 - b. Drug Take Back – second Thursday of each month, WL Police Dept, 11:30AM-1:30PM
 - c. Rain Garden Workshop – April 18th
 - d. April 26th, Planning for Bicycle Friendly Communities (Allen will send flyer)
 - e. Green Tour – May 7th, 9AM – 1PM (send out flyers)
 - f. Indiana Wildlife Federation – May 24th, Heather is speaking
 - g. Clear-Blue-Green Business Certification Program (send out updated brochure)
 - h. Jim Richey being highlighted on Living Green for his yard (no phosphorus usage)
 - i. WLHS project wrapped up and now working with waste management to have restaurants collect food waste; transport is the issue; interest is there, but right now need to accommodate issues of transport, containment, separation at site
- V. Diane – what are some “long-term” projects we might consider?
 - a. Dave – request from Mayor regarding CSOs (combined sewer overflow); next steps are to figure out what future projects may be; need a citizens advisory group to discuss scope of problem, modeling results, volumes of water; are we looking at storage, conveyance, treatment; GG Commission is nice fit for the advisory role; done a lot, but still not eliminated, however, that is the long-term goal; want to have a plan done by XX; would like to present to whole group to get multiple stakeholder perspectives per required by IDEM
 - b. Gene – could we do a broad-based educational campaign on water conservation for the community
 - c. Dave – with Dan Dunten, Crystal Joshua doing rain garden
 - d. Peter Bunder (701 North Chauncey) & Denise Blank (825 Essex Street) offered up houses for rain garden sites for WREC community service project next year
 - e. Allen motions GG participates in WL Long-Term Control Plan Update Citizens Advisory Committee and participate in education/outreach demonstration economic incentives, Heather seconds, motion passes
 - f. Dave – Storm water credits; also included metrics to measure new systems
 - g. Jim Richey – Green Tour next year: rain barrels, solar panels, 2612 Soliders Home Road
 - h. Rich – “good idea project,” , birds, bunnies, butterflies, and bees, create some kind of “park”, community certified habitat <http://www.nwf.org/Get-Outside/Outdoor-Activities/Garden-for-Wildlife/Community-Habitats.aspx> , look into larger designation for next meeting, Local Audubon Society (Rich and Kristin); Community Service Mini-Grants—These grants fund service projects that could include one-time plunge

opportunities such as an annual tree planting/beautification project, or semester and year-long community service projects. If you've never written a grant proposal, applying for a CSMG is a great first step. We provide the support you need in the process and provide feedback during the review period

http://indianacampuscompact.org/images/stories/pdf_uploads/2010-2011_CSMG_Grant_Application_2.pdf

- i. Diane – Food Finders collecting water bottles again, looking for project(s) to get waste stream to 50:50
 - j. Denise – are there projects for young kids, recycling “star”, school, businesses, what is message, decreasing waste? Increasing recycling?
 - k. Kristin – will check with State Farm to see how they are getting rid of their waste
 - l. Aparna – motion for GG , in the next three years, to reduce waste stream in WL to 50:50, Peter seconds, approved—need an implementation plan. Kristin suggests 6 month goals as a checkpoint/benchmark along the way towards reaching the goal (Gene and Denise will take lead)
 - m. Peter – behavioral economists will say need an economic incentive/disincentive in order to work, so we need to really explore our options as we are only dealing with households
 - n. Diane – Farmer’s Market: We used to have a booth every month, with 3 special events. Collection point for various items and haul off. Vendor certification program started - self-certification; difficult to man every week; proposing a presence once a month in partnership with other organizations as a informational booth; set up by 2:30PM, down by 7PM; propose first Wednesday of month (May 4th first time); need a lead on this and to get vendor certification back; Jim Richey will volunteer at booth if needed; Aparna & Kristin will take lead (work with Rachel Witt)
 - Earlier events: medicine drops, Bike-to-market day, vermiculture, repurposing, phosphorous
 - o. Jim Richey will print brochures and fold for group if necessary
- VI. Officers
- a. Secretary - Lindsey
 - b. Vice Chair – Dan
 - c. Chair - Diane
- VII. Diane motion to adjourn, Peter second, adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 8:45PM
- VIII. Next meeting May 10th, 2011

Recorded by Lindsey Payne and submitted to Diane Damico on April 12th, 2011