



West Lafayette Go Greener Commission
609 West Navajo Street
West Lafayette, IN 47906

West Lafayette Go Greener Commission Meeting
Minutes of Regularly Scheduled Commission Meeting
Tuesday, November 12, 2013, 6:00 PM
Council Chambers, West Lafayette City Hall

Attending: Allen Jacobsen; Thom Davis; Peter Bunder; Lindsey Payne; Parr Durr; James Britton
Absentees: Aparna Puri; Kara Salazar; Gene Hanus; Tom Voigt
Others: Dave Henderson

Agenda

- I. Allen: Call to order, 6:03 PM
- II. Allen: Approval of September minutes—no quorum, no vote motions, second Tom, approved
- III. Allen: Approval of August minutes—Thom motions, second Tom, approved
- IV. Allen: Financial Report
 - a. Revenue of 14 cents!
 - b. Current balance: \$1,425.52
- V. Allen: Commission Appointments (2 vacancies, 1 must be resident, both city council appointments)
 - a. Buis – go-getter, used to work for Keramida,
 - b. Tuholski – impressive student, worked for former VP Al Gore, background in policy
 - c. Stein – Kara may know her
 - d. More candidates than spots, then Thom is willing to give up his spot
 - e. Allen – recommends we nominate for consideration by city council: Andrew Tuholski, Jennifer Buis --all in favor, will invite to next meeting
 - f. Lindsey – to engage the others, I will invite the other 3 (Sarah Stein, Adam Landers, Rohit Garg) to the next meeting and encourage them to be part of a sub-committee
- VI. Allen: Report of Sub-Committees
 - a. Trash committee is not in attendance, recycling remains roughly at 30%
 - b. Goal 50% in 2014
 - c. What can we do to raise awareness? Christmas themes—recycling
 - d. Lindsey - Can we have a sit down with WLFI? Thom will contact them and see what can be done, perhaps add contact to Living Green page AND Journal & Courier—greening Christmas
 - e. Lindsey – can we do something with electronics, Oscar Winski
 - f. Thom – New Year’s resolution theme, at next meeting we need to work on pitch
 - g. James – how do we get students to do it?
 - h. Parr - % are of everything collected, correct? Yes



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- i. Allen – when does annexation take place? February
 - j. Peter – only includes 1 little sub-division
 - k. Lindsey – neighborhood associations?
 - l. Thom – can we do some kid programs?
 - m. Parr – how much does city pay per ton? About \$40.45/ton (2011), recycling goes to Muncie, trash goes north
- VII. Allen: New Business / Announcements
- a. Thom – two things 1) Amtrak Hoosier State is still running! \$1.5 million broken up based on ridership throughout state, next step is for rail supporters to get this running on time
 - b. Allen – biggest barriers? Traffic considerations due to line crossing
 - c. Thom – other cities have solved this other ways, Hawatha line fixed the problem co-op railroad, Milwaukee trains are full, in demand, we can articulate the message that we want the Hawatha not the Hoosier State we may make some headway, south of the lake re-route—narrowing number of railroads the train has to cross, wasn't part of INDOT study, lots of interest from Michigan and Illinois to get bottlenecks cleared, bypass Dyer
 - d. 2) process of formation of Tippecanoe Environmental Council: SIA, Alcoa, Nanshan, Fairfield, Tate & Lyle, Oscar Winski, Harrison Steel and Casting—similar to safety organization, all business leaders, driven by large corporations, employers, two sides: 1) environmental professional coming together to solve problem, 2) opportunity to do philanthropic work, 3) inform policy, member orgs will kick in dollars to help communities
 - e. James – has WL ever tried to do plastic bag tax?
 - f. Peter – yes, but it wouldn't work
 - g. Peter – what happens to PU stormwater? Most of it goes into quarry, and sand aquifer and then river. Do we charge them now?
- VIII. Lindsey motions to adjourn, Allen seconds, adjournment, 7:01 PM

Next meeting December 10, 2013, 6:00 PM!

Recorded by Lindsey Payne and submitted to Allen Jacobsen on November 12, 2013.