



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

Minutes of the Meeting of the Commission January 8, 2013 at 6:00pm

Present: Parr Durr, Allen Jacobsen, Dave Henderson, Gene Hanus, Tom Voigt, Peter Bunder

Absent: Heather Gall, Lindsey Payne, Thom Davis

Guests:

6:00 PM: Allen called meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes: No quorum present - approval of Nov 2012 and Dec 2012 minutes postponed to next meeting.

Financial Report: No change in Fund balance. Details needed for open grants to understand our commitments and information needed to close out grants. AJ will be meeting with Diane Damico on Friday, January 11 to discuss.

Commission Vacancies: There are two applications received for review: James Britton and Mary Kate Dufair McKenna. After discussion with PB, it was decided to consider the Dufair-McKenna application for City Council appointment, and James Britton for the Commission appointment. AJ indicated that he had requested and received proxy votes from HG, LP, and TD for both candidates. PB will bring the Dufair-McKenna appointment up at the council caucus meeting at the end of January. A motion and second for appointment of James Britton to commission through March 2014. Unanimous approval. AJ indicated that the council appointment for Mary Kate Dufair McKenna is filling a vacancy that is due to expire in March 2013 and the appointment should be considered to run through March 2016 assuming agreement by applicant. BP agreed.

Sustainability Report and Metrics: Target date for report completion is March. There may be some data still outstanding but LP is compiling data. Need to develop a plan to complete report. AJ will meet with LP to coordinate.

Status of Stormwater User Fee Ordinance: AJ gave a presentation at last City Council meeting in support of Ordinance. Council tabled 2nd reading of Ordinance to February 2013 City Council meeting to address some outstanding concerns from residents who live condominium developments and who are questioning how their fees are determined.

Recycling Unit Pilot Project Targeting Purdue Students: City is in process purchasing a 4 compartment recycling unit – looks like a covered 20-yd roll-off dumpster - to be placed near intersection of Harrison and Grant Streets. Users would sort various recycling materials to place in compartments. Goal of project is to encourage more recycling by Purdue students who live in apartments in the area. Go Greener has been asked to provide ideas for promoting the project and how to measure success of project. Also, the City Trash Ordinance is currently under review and input regarding methods to



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encourage/require more recycling in student apartments would be valuable. Questions of the effectiveness of the selected location were raised, and also issues about mixing of recyclables by users. The City would receive higher tipping fees if recyclables are sorted properly but this is very hard to enforce/monitor. Recommendation to solicit help from existing Purdue student organizations to promote. GH will research what recycling services waste haulers can provide to apartment owners and what are costs. AJ will research what some other communities are doing to encourage/require more recycling in apartment complexes.

New Business/Announcements: AJ indicated he will be serving on the Community of Choice Sustainability Working Group. The kick-off meeting is scheduled for January 22. Jamie Metzinger is chairing the working group. AJ will report at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm