



West Lafayette Go Greener Commission
609 West Navajo Street
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West Lafayette Go Greener Commission Meeting
Minutes of Regularly Scheduled Commission Meeting
Tuesday, August 13, 2013, 6:00 PM
Council Chambers, West Lafayette City Hall

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

Agenda

- I. Allen: Call to order, 6:11 PM
- II. Allen: Approval of June, July minutes—no quorum tabled until next meeting
- III. Allen: Financial Report
 - a. Revenue of 26 cents!
 - b. Current balance: \$1,425.06
- IV. Allen: Commission Appointments
 - a. Leslie Smyser suggest, WL HS Biology teacher, <http://agreenerindiana.com/profile/LeslieSmyser>
 - b. Lindsey – is working to recruit a student, Tony Gillund, ESE student, MS, interested in becoming a sustainability director
 - c. Need to reach out to Dan Shuster and Falon French about prospects. 1 vacancy has to be from West Lafayette. No more than 5 non-resident members
 - d. Allen - May not be able to continue fulfilling chair duties since he is now commuting to Indianapolis. Chair position is potentially open for a vacancy
- V. Allen: Report of Sub-Committees.
 - a. Gene sent out July recycling information, unsure of trash committee has met, recycling numbers have flatlined
 - b. Grass composting
 - Best practice is to mulch and incorporate back to lawn while mowing; Vicki Burch had a question about grass composting
 - Aparna: perfect opportunity to educate the public about best practices.
 - Rick - Go Greener sponsored composting workshops; October 8, 6 pm presented by Rick and open to the public for 45 minutes
 - Kara: has information about composting thru extension office
 - Lindsey – Heather Gall, Diane, and I wrote a grant two years ago to get compost bins and run workshops, have education materials and assessments, will send out, Parr was also part of these workshops



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- Kick off series of presentations, Go Greener yard award; Promote composting/vermi-composting in newsletter, press release, website, social media
- c. Green Events
 - Riverfest was a success with recycling. Our boat team came in 2nd in its heat. 3 Ivy Tech students assisted
 - Outfest: Allen handed off key to organizers and they distributed the bins
 - Boiler Bridge Blast: Mary Whittaker will be coordinating the bins
 - Global Fest, compostable dinner ware August 31, no styrofoam allowed
 - September 7 - Germanfest
- VI. Allen: New Business / Announcements
 - a. Dave - 5 new projects
 - Susan Harrington, clean coordinator at IDEM loves the potential
 - Indiana Clean Community Challenge
 - LED lighting, barrel and garden incentive, 231 tree planting, encouraging greener purchasing in city departments. Stakeholders: Allen, Kurt, Dan Denton, Dan Schuster would like to participate.
 - b. Kara would like to explore participation in the Clean Community Challenge as a reviewer
 - c. Thom - Rail Update
 - August 21 Railroad Summit at 8 am. Hoosier State route is in jeopardy, comparable route to Hiawatha (Chicago to Milwaukee)
 - d. Lindsey
 - WREC Events
 1. Blitz - Need volunteers for Sept 13
 2. Paint the Rain Gala - Tickets on sale now at <http://tippeconow.com/painttherain/events.php> ; volunteers are needed; GG barrel will be sold at the gala silent auction
- VII. Adjournment, 7:16 PM

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

Recorded by James Britton and submitted to Allen Jacobsen on August 13, 2013.