



West Lafayette Go Greener Commission
222 North Chauncey
West Lafayette, IN 47906

West Lafayette Go Greener Commission Meeting
Minutes of Regularly Scheduled Commission Meeting
Tuesday, August 4, 2015, 6:05 PM
West Lafayette Public Library

Attending: Lindsey Payne; Bill Arthur; Peter Bunder; Thom Davis; Parr Durr; Diane Damico
Absentees: James Britton; Michelle Long
Others: Dave Henderson; Jim Miller

Agenda

- I. Lindsey: Call to order, 6:05 PM
- II. Jim: running 9 Lives Sustainable Events and Recycling non-profit affiliated with Friends of Downtown; works with Mosey; gathering metrics—total waste and recycling (17% - 1st reading, 25% - 2nd reading); working to capture a baseline; difficulties with the open event format no control of products being used, contamination; goal to be 100% sustainable using compostable; using incentives to reward recycling—coins for recycling
 - a. Lindsey: how are vendors regulated? We have compostable dinnerware if wanted
 - b. Jim: not sure on that
 - c. Dave: if we could find true compostables that will break down in a biodigester we can take them; materials they are made of is the current barrier—not hot enough, not in digester long enough
 - d. Lindsey: could this be a capstone project for environmental and ecological engineering students? I'll look into options.
 - e. Jim: interested in staying involved with the Commission
- III. Lindsey: Approval of minutes
 - a. Bill motions to approve July minutes, Parr seconds, approved
- IV. Lindsey: Commission appointments
 - a. Lindsey: will send Peter Jackie Shao's name for a mayoral appointment
 - b. Peter: will reappoint Thom until 2018
 - c. Diane: do we need such a large group? Would it be better to reduce the size? Can we just change the quorum rules
 - d. Lindsey: need to fill 4 positions, hopefully just two more if we can recruit Jim and Jackie
 - e. Parr: could we email the rain barrel purchasers? Parr will craft an email to recruit
 - f. Peter: will reintroduce Go Greener to city council after next election
 - g. Lindsey: we need a Vice Chair
 - h. Diane: I will do it
 - i. Lindsey: motions to nominate Diane, Bill seconds, approved



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- V. Dave: Rain barrel update
 - a. Can't keep them in stock! Flying off the shelves. Sold 28, but 2 were returned—scratches on it; will sell to both sides of the river; being promoted through newsletter, TV 18, etc.; providing free delivery
 - b. Lindsey: if there is interest in having students install, let me know
 - c. Parr: sent a Facebook post to Wabash Shores neighborhood, 90 people on the list
- VI. Lindsey: James will draft survey for project ideas
 - a. Content, audience, delivery
 - Target WL residents on Facebook in 47906, take out an ad
 - Rough question – prioritize your top 3 environmental interests/issues/areas/topics you'd like the West Lafayette Go Greener Commission to focus upon in Tippecanoe County
 1. Plastic Bags
 2. Community Composting
 3. Stormwater Management (native plantings, rain gardens, rain barrels)
 4. Community Gardens
 5. Energy Conservation
 6. Climate Change Policy
 7. Air Quality
 8. Other: _____
- VII. Lindsey: Trash update from Thom
 - a. Thom: basically same format as old reports, minus 2014, all graphs and charts we love
 - b. Peter: initial reactions?
 - c. Thom: will finish out and circulate and get feedback on what is meaningful and how it needs to be redisplayed
 - d. Parr: label numbers, units
 - e. Peter: my job to report on trash, so let's meet so we can figure out a great display, everyone wants to see profit margin, savings (offset of the tipping fee); issue is that we pick up garbage for free; landlords get free pick up; will ask about setting up a field trip to see where recycling goes
- VIII. Peter: Todd's Creek Project, are we interested?
 - a. Bill: will investigate and see where we may become involved
 - b. Peter: will ask about Todd's Creek at next city council
- IX. Dave: will get a treasurer's report
- X. Lindsey: Next meeting, Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 6:00 PM
- XI. Lindsey: Adjournment
 - a. Lindsey motions to adjourn, Thom seconds, adjournment, 7:30 PM



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Next meeting September 1, 2015, 6:00 PM!

Recorded by Lindsey Payne and submitted to Go Greener Board of Commissioners on August 4, 2015.

Approved July minutes submitted to Betina Cochran, August 4, 2015.