

Environmental Commission Meeting
August 3, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Chairperson Dave Colteryahn

In Attendance

Dave Colteryahn, chair
Greg LoBuono, vice-chair
Veronica Craig
Rita Rings
Gwen Ritchie
Dave Sheehan
Joe Stoeber
Dean Bruewer, Parks Board liaison
Bob Schappacher, Parks and Recreation representative

Absent

Tom Nault
Donna Faulk

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the July 6th, 2016 meeting were approved as submitted.

Standing Business

Correspondence/Articles

Roni shared an article about the City of Hamilton Street Tree inventory. Roni also presented to the board a basic pruning guideline sheet that we are going to use for our tree pruning seminar in September. Rita shared information on fostering sustainable behavior, a book that she had read over the last month. Gwen mentioned that she had attended a TCA conference in Dayton Ohio.

Hours Spent on EC Activities

Dave Colteryahn/1, Greg/2 Rita/3, Dave Sheehan/2, Gwen/7.5, Tom/5, Joe/1, Dean/ 1 and Roni 3.

Adopt-A-Roadway

Gwen was responsible for July/August. She commented that she had not yet done a cleanup in July but plans on doing one in the next week or so.

Parks Board Report— Dean Bruewer

The meeting was held at the Harbin Park. The masterplan for Harbin Park was discussed and the new ideas were put on the plans by the parks board members. The next public input meeting is scheduled for Thursday September 15th.

Parks Department Report—Bob Schappacher

Bob asked for comments from the board on the EAB plan that was given to them last meeting for their review. Rita asked that the EAB section of the City website be updated. There were discussions on several items in the plan that had already been completed but it was decided that they would remain in the plan. Bob will review these items with the Parks Director and then take the plan to the Parks Board. Bob asked the board about new signage at Creekside Park. It was decided that Bob would look into other options for identifications of the trees but they would not include signs that would stick in the ground on a stake. Bob will bring options in the next few months.

Commissioner Reports

No nominations were submitted for the 2016 Friends of Fairfield Forest award.

EC Communication initiative- Bob explained to the board the process of posting information onto the City of Fairfield Facebook page. Bob agreed that the google doc's was a good way of organizing the marketing information that the board would like to submit to post. It was stated that Dave Colteryahn would have the final sign off of the information that was submitted.

Other Business

Gwen asked if the Parks Department was going to hire a new parks naturalist position and Bob responded that we had already advertised the position and is currently accepting applications.

Rita mentioned the Great Miami River Clean up event that is scheduled for October 22nd and asked if anyone had seen a flyer for that event yet.

Calendar

Parks Board Meeting—August 16th at 6:00 pm @ North Trace

EC Meeting—September 3rd at 6:00 pm @ CAC

Tree Pruning program at Farmers Market – Wednesday September 21st. at 4:00 pm.

Great Miami River Clean-up – Saturday October 22nd @ 9:00 am.

Programs

Brush Chipping—August 13th @ Groh Lane. 8:00 am to Noon.

Let's Go Hiking—August 20th @ Marsh Lake. 10:30 to Noon (FREE)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm