

ERCFC
Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2008
Community Arts Center

Members: Kris Roselle, Chair Ruth Wells Karen Fields
Christine Hacker Steve Welte * Ben Stickler, Parks and Recreation Representative
Mike Lane Veronica Craig Bob Breen, Parks Board Representative

* Denotes excused absence **absent

Topic	Discussion	Action
Call to Order		Meeting called to order at 6:10 by chair, Kris Roselle
Attendance	There has been 1 resignation. A replacement is being sought.	Taken by Sec. Ben is on Maternity Leave
Approval of Minutes of 3/5/08		Approved as distributed
Standing Business 1. Website Statistics 2. Articles/Correspondence/publicity 3. Hours spent on ERCFC activities 4. Adopt-a-Roadway	1. Statistics in packet from Ben compared March and Feb. More hits in March 2. Articles - Article from Ben re "Earth Hour". Next year, we need to promote this. Other articles from Roni, Chris, Ruth, and Mike discussed. 3. Mike - 3'; Tom-5'; Ruth-2'; Karen 2.5'; Steve- 10'; Kris-33'; Bob-1'; Chris-3'; Roni-5. 4. Mike and his daughter and Kris picked up trash on Muskoff Road on Sat.	2. Articles sent to Ben
Parks Board Report	Bob reported on the "Blackbottom Park". A grant to allow for kayak access is in process. The ribbon cutting for the new Club House at the golf course took place.	Report accepted. If a grant is not approved, may have to budget money from Parks Board Budget.
Introduction of New Officers	Chairperson - Kris Rosell Vice Chair for Forestry - Karen Fields Vice Chair for Environment - Mike Lane Secretary - Chris Hacker	Thanks to them for accepting the positions.
Commission Reports 1. Bird House Wkshp 2. Tree Nursery Proposal	1. Went very well. There were 10 children with parents. The assistance of Terry Coates of Wildbirds Unlimited is appreciated. 2. Kris and Steve visited the Hamilton Tree Nursery which is a joint project between the Hamilton Tree Committee and Greenwood Cemetery. Concerns about the nursery: a. is it cost effective? b. where to put small trees?	1. Will put directions to build bird houses on the web site. Extra birdhouses will be given out by Kris. 2. Steve and Kris will visit the New Richmond tree nursery and report back. Also needed is a cost analysis and plan on how to use the trees in Fairfield.

<p>3. Big Tree Photo Display</p> <p>4. Arbor Day</p> <p>5. Memorial Tree Grove</p> <p>6. Tree Lottery Vouchers</p> <p>7. Street Tree Inventory</p> <p>8. Tree City Luncheon</p> <p>9. EAB</p> <p>10. Energy Committee Meeting</p> <p>11. Sustainability Plan</p>	<p>c. response by local nursery's who sell trees to the city.</p> <p>d. how to fund? city or grant?</p> <p>e. street tree lottery – do we charge residents?</p> <p>f. will the city allow employees to plan trees? who will plant them?</p> <p>g. maintenance of the trees? – water, mulch weeding</p> <p>Issues re street trees – current nurseries are not following contract. How and who to enforce? Can Ben find us a grant to pay for this nursery?</p> <p>4. City to issue Proclamation at City Council meeting 4/14.</p> <p>5. Need to continue with marking trees to be removed</p> <p>6. We will allow winners to plan trees anywhere in their yards.</p> <p>7. Tom stated that this is difficult with the number of trees we now have in the city. We need a better process. He is looking into software programs that we can use. Perhaps we need to split up the city into more sections and use students and volunteers for the count. Aerial photos allow us to analyze the canopy. We should also be taking pictures to allow for a record. A GIS system may help.</p> <p>10. Held March 11th. Information was presented that has previously been presented to the city leaders. Energy saving projects were discussed. Need to determine where energy is being used. Developing a carbon “footprint”. The city will purchase 4 hybrid cars this year.</p> <p>11. Mike will send his information to the Park Board. after he receives all members feedback about what he has developed.</p>	<p>3. Tabled</p> <p>4. Kris will attend to receive the proclamation.</p> <p>5. Will do next month after leaves are out.</p> <p>6. Winners will be announced in the fall.</p> <p>7. Tom will continue to pursue this and report back.</p> <p>8. Will be held on 4/24. RSVP by Friday.</p> <p>9. More counties have been quarantined by the ODA.</p> <p>11. Need to discuss with Dwight and Dave before going to Parks Board and then Ben and Jim Bell.</p>
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12. Recycling Contest	12. Stickers about the contest will be on city vehicles next week. We will have people sign the recycling pledge at the Home Expo as an incentive. There are now 3 drop boxes for recycling material and more are planned.	12. Information will be in residents' next utility bill. We will give away 50 gator bags at the expo from those that sign the pledge that day.
13. Recycling Medication	13. Ruth reported that there is no good manner to recycle medication at this time and there is no law regarding pharmacogenics in drinking water. The Butler County Department of Environmental Services and Solid Waste is currently accepting used medications.	
14. Miami River Clean Sweep	14. Still seeking volunteers for this project. We will "man" a booth to help volunteers with questions, emergencies and other things.	14. Will be held 5/10
15. Home Expo	15. On Sat.. Kris has the pledge forms, gator bags, and other forms. Seedlings are ready.	15. All members need to get a city name badge before the expo.
Other business Hamilton Tree Commission	Doris Bergen would like to have information from us for her column in the Journal News.	Kris will contact Doris.
Goals	Tabled until the next meeting due to time limits	Chris and Roni will review last year's goals and make recommendations about goals for this year.
Calendar 1. Home Expo 2. Parks Bd Mtg 3. Arbor Day 4. CFC Meeting 5. Miami River Clean Sweep 6. Summer Concert Booth 7. Energy Committee 8. Recycling Wkshp 9. Sept. Dayz	3. No activities planned yet 6. Ann Feihrer Flagg will address the audience about recycling and other issues 8. With Ann Fiehrer Flagg	1. 4/5 2. 4/24 3. 4/25 4. 5/7 5. 5/10 6. 5/29 7. TBA 8. TBA 9. TBA
Adjournment	at 8:15	Steve moved for and Ruth seconded a motion at adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Hacker