

ERCFC
September 3, 2008 Meeting Minutes
Community Arts Center

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

*Excused Absence * * Absent

Topic	Discussion	Action
Call to Order		Meeting called to order by chair at 6:02pm
Attendance		As above
Approval of minutes		Approved as distributed.
Standing Business 1. Website statistics 2. Correspondence /Articles/Publicity 3. Hours spent on ERCFC activities for June, July, & Aug. 4. Adopt-a-Roadway	1. Ben reported that the number of “hits” has been up. The website is being revised to improve the ability to navigate the site. A new “webmaster” is needed. 2. Roni brought in a number of articles. Tom brought articles about energy saving for Mike and information about Arbor Day and barriers to recycling. 3. Tom – 14 hours; Steve – 4 hrs; Roni – 3 hrs; Bob – 3 hrs; Chris – 5 hrs; Kris – 61hrs for April – Aug. 4. Tom did clean up in Aug. Steve and Karen to do Sept./Oct.	1. Report accepted 2. Articles passed on to Ben. 4. Sign up sheet passed about for the rest of the year.
Parks Board Report	Bob reported on the Parks Board; 1. Wake Nation facility in Joyce Park is now under construction. 2. Nuxhall pavilion bids over budget and being reconsidered.	
Commission Reports 1. Membership 2. EAB	1. Ruth Wells has resigned so we have 2 vacancies. 2. Ash trees within the city building lawn, Veterans Memorial Park and a high value ash tree at the Fairfield Greens/South Trace Golf Course were treated with root drench method in May 2008. No new infestations have been reported within the city, but infestations have been reported in Missouri.	

3. Map of Fairfield Well Fields	3. Fairfield has mostly pumping stations which do not take up much land. Most of the well fields within the city are owed by Hamilton. Ben has this information for those interested.	
4. Tree Nursery Proposal	4. No report as we have not been able to contact the New Richmond person.	4. Kris will arrange visit to New Richmond.
5. Big Tree Photo Display	5. Karen sent information about display boards. Display will be set up in the City Municipal Building for a few weeks and at our booths. The Planning Dep't has a board that would be suitable for our use.	5. Ben will check on the Parks Board display board availability and report back. It was suggested that we bring all of our photos to the next meeting so that we can decide which to display.
6. Memorial Tree Grove	6. Discussion of a path from the Y to the Grove took place. Parks Board is looking into this.	6. Roni, Chris and Steve completed marking trees. The city can begin removing them at any time.
7. Street Tree Inventory	7. Steve asked Ben to be sure that we can use the city GIS system and database. We will try to do a first trial with the GPS system this fall.	7. The city has agreed to buy a GPS device when okayed by the IT Dep't. Ben will followup with this.
8. Recycled Art Contest	8. There were 5 entries and 1 winner. Ben has pictures. It was unfortunate that there was no publicity about the event.	8. The recycling drop boxes are being used. The school has agreed to participate.
9. Energy Committee Meeting	9. Kris went to the last meeting to discuss the recycling contest. Most of the meeting was related to the city energy audit.	9. The next Energy Committee Meeting will be announced at a later date. Tome will attend and pass along golf cart and bike lane ideas.
10. Sustainability Plan	10. Kris reported that Dwight and Dave think that the plan looks good and have submitted it for staff review.	10. The plan will be returned to us for review once the staff review is completed. It can then be sent to the Parks Board who will review and send it on to City Council.
11. Recycling Contest Update	11. The decals for city vehicles re. the recycling are now on city vehicles. We did not see a new message re recycling in utility bills. Larger, green recycling containers may become available for a cost. There is no pattern to who recycles. There are now 250 pledges to recycle. Recycling boxes in apartment complexes are being considered.	11. Kris will check on this. Reports of amounts of recycled material does not seem accurate so a meeting with Rumpke has been scheduled.

Upcoming Events	<p>1. Sept. Dayz – will be 9/12 - 6-8pm 9/13 – 12-8pm 9/14 – 3-7pm</p> <p>2. Recycling Workshop</p> <p>3. Street Tree Inventory</p>	<p>1. Sign passed around. Kris will email with times.</p> <p>2. 9/17 at 7pm at CAC. There will be a press release about this.</p> <p>3. TBA</p>
Other Business	<p>Kris thanked Steve for volunteering to coordinate the River Sweep next year.</p> <p>Kris asked if the city was going to send anyone to the Urban Forest Workshop in Indianapolis on 9/18. This workshop was highly recommended by Wendy. It will be webcast.</p>	<p>Ben will check on this.</p>
Calendar	<p>Next ERCFC Meeting – 10/1/08</p> <p>Recycling Workshop – 9/17/08</p> <p>Street Inventory – TBA (this fall)</p> <p>Sept Dayz – 9/12-14/08.</p>	
Adjournment		Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Hacker