

Fairfield City Environmental Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
September 2, 2009 Community Arts Center

Members: Karen Fields, Chair  
Christine Hacker  
Mike Lane  
Liz Hunter, Co-Chair

Steve Welte  
Veronica Craig  
Greg Sunday

Ben Stickler, Parks and Recreation Representative  
Bob Breen, Parks Board Representative

\* Excused Absence

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Topic	Discussion	Action
<b>Call to Order</b>	Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm by Co-Chair, Liz H.. Chair, Karen F. assumed chair role upon her arrival.	
<b>Attendance</b>		As above
<b>Approval of minutes</b>	Moved by Chris and seconded by Roni	Approved
<b>Standing Business</b> 1. Correspondence /Articles/Publicity  2. Hours spent on ERCFC activities  3. Adopt-a-Roadway	a. Roni wrote a thank-you note to the Enright Ridge Eco Village for giving us a tour of their village. b. Ben has enclosed a letter from Duke Energy offering to provide a speaker to us regarding building a sustainable energy future. Also included is an article by Norb Garrett re sustainability initiative.  2. Roni – 5’; Bob – 0; Chris – 6.5’; Mike – 1; Greg – 0; Liz – 2.5’; Steve – 3’ and 2’ from last month.  3. Chris and Roni will do soon.	b. Will consider at next meeting
<b>Parks Board Report</b>	Bob reported that the Parks Board did not have a quorum for last nights’ meeting. They are looking for a contractor to install a spray park at the Water Center.	
<b>Parks Dep’t Report</b> 1. Web site 2. Memorial Tree Grove  3. Sustainability Plan  4. Tree Lottery  5. EAB  6. Tree Nursery	1. Ben will email us this information 2. The pavers for the path have been delivered. Trees are still being removed as they have time. Question was asked if we could get a sign for the park. 3. Continues to be considered with city master plan. 4. Entries will be accepted for the rest of this month and then the winners will be drawn. There are still 9 winners from last year who have not redeemed their coupons 5. Nothing new. No sightings in Fairfield. Detection trees continue to be monitored.  6. Nothing new. Still no site has been selected.	2. Will be installed in Sept.  Will discuss next month   Phone calls will be made to these people to remind them.

<p>7.Muskopf Road Tree Plantings</p>	<p>A joint project agreement with Hamilton is being established for this project. We are currently getting prices to plant 35-40 trees this fall. They will be White Oaks and Serviceberry's</p>	<p>This agreement will include a 5 year plan for tree plantings.</p>
<p><b>Commission Reports</b>  1. Back Yard Habitat Tour.   2. Recycle Tour   3. Website Content/Update   4. Bat House Workshop</p>	<p>1. Chris and Roni toured the Enright Ridge Urban Eco-Village. This is a community that fosters a sustainable urban neighborhood, who promote preserving the planet through social, economic and healthy lifestyles and who demonstrate urban revitalization using these principles. This village in Price Hill has the Imago Earth Center, a 16 acre nature preserve with hiking trails and educational programs, an organic gardening and natural food co-op and has developed a number of reasonable priced, energy efficient houses. They also promote the use of rain gardens and continue to add area to their village.</p> <p>2. We will wait until spring for this tour.</p> <p>3. Mike sent Ben the information</p> <p>4. Nothing new except that Steve will be out of town on the day of the workshop. He will have all the pieces cut and ready to go. Roni will do the presentation about bats from information she received from Vicki Sheppard. It was also noted that the After School Group is interested in having this workshop for their group.</p>	<p>1. Roni sent them a thank you note for the tour. We may want to return for another tour in the spring. Also, we will ask them if they would like to be a vendor or give a presentation at the expo.</p> <p>4. We will decide on who will lead and help with this workshop at our Oct. meeting.</p> <p>Will follow-up on this at Oct. meeting.</p>
<p><b>Other Business</b>  1. Administrative (logo and shirts)   2. Communication  a. Hamilton Tree Bd.  b. Newsletter   c. Fairfield Schools   d. Recycling   e. Energy Committee</p>	<p>1. Ben is working on getting the logo information. He also has shirt ordering information.</p> <p>a. no report  b. Last newsletter had lots of good information about the EC projects. We need to have information for Spring newsletter, which come out in Feb., to Ben by Dec.  c. Chris has sent Randy Oppenheimer the information about the Arbor Day Poster Contest.  d. Liz made a presentation to her condo association about recycling which was well received.  e. Has met and Liz attended. They are testing backup generators for the water plant. They are</p>	<p>b. Need to include dates for the River Sweep, Bird House and Home Expo.</p> <p>e Will be meeting every other week and Liz has agreed to attend.</p>

	<p>working with Duke Energy to develop ways to save energy costs and have so far saved the city \$200,000. Fairfield Schools has hired a contractor to help them decrease their energy costs. The city has 1 green vehicle. The meeting was opened with a presentation of how they are saving taxpayers money, how the stimulus money is being spent and changes being made in light fixtures.</p>	<p>Other EC members are encouraged to attend. Greg is interested.</p>
3. Street Tree Inventory	<p>3. After the trial run after last months meeting, Ben is working to integrate suggested revisions to the program. We are looking for ways to carry the computer when we do the inventory.</p>	<p>3. Roni and Karen will be trying the new system out first and then will train other members on the use of the system.</p>
4. Friends of Fairfield	<p>4. Need to nominate individuals and businesses for these awards at our next meeting. Some suggests were made.</p>	<p>4. Will vote on nominees at Oct. meeting.</p>
<p><b>Calendar</b></p> <p>1. Next EC Meeting  2. Parks Board Mtg  3. Energy Committee Meetings  4. Bat House Workshop</p>	<p>1. Oct. 7, 2009. 6:00 pm, CAC  2. Sept. 8, 2009. CAC  3.  Oct. 10, 2009. 10:00 am. CAC</p>	
Adjournment		Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Hacker