

Edwardsville Cool Cities Initiative Advisory Committee
Official Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 18, 2019
First Floor Conference Room, Edwardsville City Hall

CALL TO ORDER: called to order at 5:38 PM (Present: Rachel Tompkins, Tom Kinsella, Jamie Henderson, Emily Fultz, Cara Lytle)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2019 MEETING (approved with motion by Rachel Tompkins and second by Jamie Henderson, passed)

CITIZENS WISHING TO SPEAK TO THE BOARD

1. **Connie Frey-Spurlock, Director of SIUE Successful Communities Collaborative (SSCC)**
SIUE students taking on projects that support the city of Edwardsville. SCC is looking to support the city by a study of the parking situation downtown, use of the sports complex and traffic patterns around the complex and "Earth Edwardsville." Under Earth Edwardsville, Mayor Patton is looking for collaboration between all of the committees focused on environmental issues: Watershed, Beautification, Edwardsville Gardens, Destination Committee to name of few. Students will be engaged through reading, coursework and data collection to make recommendations to the city. Possible collaborative projects: 1) school assembly ideas or films/videos for classrooms on recycling 2) pesticide use especially in spraying for reducing the mosquito population in the summer 3) survey downtown business about their recycling practices and how local communities can support them and move them into additional recycling efforts 4) making native plants available

OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:

GREEN CITY CHALLENGE:

Choice of items on which to concentrate...

1. Form a green team to lead sustainability efforts by ideally recruiting representatives of staff, elected personnel and resident and business constituent groups
2. Establish a No-Idling policy for municipal docks and driveways
3. **Complete a green purchasing policy addressing at least one of the following: office paper, janitorial paper and cleaning supplies or catering services**
4. Develop a community recycling services policy (for businesses if possible as well as residents) and post on your municipality's website (ask first)
5. **Provide sustainability education materials or learning event(s) for residents and/or business constituents**

Delegation of members to begin execution of selected work items

Green Team: League of Women Voters, SIU sustainability committee, Other

CONSERVATION EFFORTS IN CITY...

Conservation efforts with Heartlands Conservancy and City with local applications. Bohn Woods Nature Preserve buffer, now Drda Woods, will be restored to a natural state.

GRAPHICS FOR RECYCLING INFORMATION

To correct for distribution

BYO local efforts ...both mayors have signed letter requesting businesses to ask before distributing straws

GROW SOLAR METROEAST...2 Power Hours have been hosted to date

OUTREACH, PUBLIC AWARENESS

Further newspaper articles

Website

NEW BUSINESS:

COOL CITIES COMMITTEE RECYCLING PUBLIC INFORMATION

Criterion Event

1. Volunteers needed to man recycling stations
2. Need for specific signage to help people stop and think about recycling
3. Consider a US GBC Zero Waste toolkit
4. Consider working with local organizations to offer support to reduce waste during the event and make sure there is media coverage for the sponsors
5. Schedule meeting between Republic, Rotary and Cool Cities for reducing waste

School Based Presentations

Any needed support

ADJOURNMENT: 7:02 PM (motion by Tom Kinsella with second by Rachel Tompkins, all agree.)

NEXT MEETING AUGUST 15th 5 pm

approved 8/15/2019 by:

Rachel V. Tompkins
Chair, Cool Cities