

Edwardsville Cool Cities Initiative Advisory Committee
Official Minutes for the meeting on
Thursday, August 15, 2019, 5:00 pm
First Floor Conference Room, Edwardsville City Hall

CALL TO ORDER at 5:05 PM by Rachel Tompkins

Members present: Rachel Tompkins, Tom Kinsella, Brigham Dimick, Cara Lytle, Emily Fultz

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF July 18, 2019 MEETING...Move to accept by Tom Kinsella. Seconded by Rachel Tompkins. Approved via vote.

CITIZENS WISHING TO SPEAK TO THE BOARD...none present.

OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Discussion of freedom of information act and how committee members can communicate with each other. All members must complete open meetings act training and members should not communicate with each other unless there is a quorum present for the discussion. If there was a quorum of members, which at this point would be only two people, there had to be a meeting, with a posted agenda, if members met to discuss committee business. All meetings and discussions require public agendas and minutes. An agenda must be posted 48 hours in advance in the city hall and on the city's website. Emily Fultz stands as the city liaison.

NEW BUSINESS:

Meeting results from 8/13/19. Plan for presentation to City Council (Jean Ponzi?)

Report by Rachel Tompkins on her meeting with Mayor Hal Patton and Kevin Head, City Administrator.

- 1. Rachel spoke with them about the Green Cities Challenge and the items Cool Cities had decided to pursue.**
- 2. Rachel pursued the possibility of a no idling policy in the city that did not include emergency vehicles. Tom mentioned that he thought this was not a viable option. Brigham reported on the efforts to establish a no idling policy at District 7 Schools which did not pass. He recalled that the effort was led by someone at SIUE about 6 years ago.**
- 3. Green purchasing policy...Rachel will talk to Jeanne Wojcieszak and the finance committee**
- 4. Move to energy star computers? Will talk with Devin Gray**
- 5. For Cool Cites to change a policy we will need to go through city council. For example using native plants would be through Matt Taul . Mayor Patton urged the committee to go before the city council for any policies that we are interested addressing. Rachel is interested in asking Jean Ponsi to speak to the council about those possible policy changes. To do that we need to research the policies that are currently in place.**
- 6. Recycling policy. City wants information in water bills. Rachel will resubmit flyer with changes made based on feedback from the city and then mailing them out. Rachel will work directly with Jeanne Wojcieszak to produce the flyer that meets city requirements for mailing in water bills. Kevin Head has approved covering the cost of printing.**
- 7. Rachel also discussed developing a Tool Kit for recycling at city events. Katie Grable is open to talking with vendors about the recycling policies. Kevin Head had no problem including recycling requirements with applications for special events. Once we have policy we can work on signage for events. Committee decided to not focus on the Criterium with such a short time frame but we will focus on the Arts Fair on September 24.**

- Brigham will work with ~~Tom's Brother~~ to secure aprons for volunteers to wear while supporting recycling at special events.
- Cara will contact Republic Services about working with them on signage and clear containers.
- We can also work with the city on a list of products that would be recommended for use by the vendors.
- First thing to put together an information packet that we give to Kevin Head and make available for public events.
- RT moved that smocks be purchased for volunteers to wear as they man recycling bins. We will approach the city for funds. TK seconded. Approved via vote.
- Brigham contacting SIUE student organizations for support in volunteering.

GREEN CITY CHALLENGE: See information about Rachel's meeting above under old business. Committee decided to have Jeane Ponsi speak with the city council on green purchasing policy, native planting and pesticide use.

Choice of items on which to concentrate
 Delegation of members to begin execution of selected work items
 Green Team: League of Women Voters, SIU sustainability committee,

GRAPHICS FOR RECYCLING INFORMATION

Can be sent out in bills, will go through City Clerk's office. See number 6 above.

BYO local efforts- ordinance framed

COOL CITIES COMMITTEE RECYCLING PUBLIC INFORMATION

Criterion Event

Volunteers needed to man recycling stations

The committee decided that we were not ready to man stations at the Criterion this weekend. We did not have signage or materials ready for use at the recycling bins. We will focus on the Art Fair event at the end of September.

COLLATERAL EVENTS/ PARTNERSHIP/ SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

Help requested from Beautification and Tree Commission for ways to publicize oldest tree Contest

Native Planting event Library 5:30 September 24, Heartlands Conservancy

ADJOURNMENT: TK moved that the meeting be adjourned. RT seconded. All in favor at 6:00 PM

NEXT MEETING September 19th 5 pm

Rachel V. Tompkins, PhD