



Meeting Agenda

Thursday, August 24, 2006

Executive Committee Meeting
Washtenaw County Library Learning Resource Center
5:30 pm
4135 Washtenaw Ave. in Ann Arbor

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1. Call Executive Committee Meeting to Order
 2. Approve Agenda for August 24th
 3. Approve Minutes from July 27th
 4. Authorization for Money Approval Discussion
 5. Green Info Guide Update
 6. Discuss future projects
 7. Discuss ways to increase group participation
 8. Plan 2007 Meeting Locations
 9. Adjourn
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WCCSWM Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2006

In Attendance:

Tracy	Artley	U of M
Michael-David	BenDor	Superior Township
Courtney	Kolb	Washtenaw County
Daniel	Moody	Washtenaw County
Bob	Osterhout	Recycle Ann Arbor
Joanna	Smither	Washtenaw County
Nancy	Stone	City of Ann Arbor

1. Artley Called Meeting to Order

2. Agenda for July 27th was approved as printed.

3. Minutes from June 29th were approved as corrected

4. Green Info Guide Update

- Krcmarik will be giving a presentation on the Green Info Guide and Pharmaceutical Waste video to the County Board of Commissioners on the night of August 3rd.
- Moody, Krcmarik, and Smither are working on getting the GIG distributed from district libraries. They will report back to the group next month on how this is progressing.
 - BenDor suggested the group look into distributing the GIG at local schools.
- Moody reported that there are now 8 Local Units of Government distributing the GIG. The County just ordered another 1500 CDs for distribution. Krcmarik is talking with other counties in Michigan about creating similar products.
- Smither reported that the GIG is now on the County website at: <http://recycle.ewashtenaw.org/gig>. You will need to download the newest version of Flash Player to view it.
 - BenDor suggested that it would be nice if people could burn their own copy of the GIG from the web. Smither will look into this.

5. Local Community Updates:

- **City of Ann Arbor –**
 - Stone let the group know about the Trunk-a-Palooza event on August 24th from 5-8pm at the Kerrytown Farmers Market in Ann Arbor. Visit: <http://www.glbttbooks.com/trunkapalooza.htm> for more information.
 - Stone distributed 2 pamphlets to the group that the Huron River Watershed Council created in partnership with the City – “Six Tips to Clip: Protect your water resources!” and “Why do we put dog poop in little plastic baggies?”
 - The City of Ann Arbor received a grant to contribute to a regional clean-up day (accepting HHW and e-waste only) to be held on October 14th from 9am-1pm at the closed landfill site next to the Drop-Off Station. Best Buy will be donating \$2500 in gift certificates to this event. This is the proposed site of the new DOS – all are anxious to see the public’s response to this space.

- **Washtenaw County –**
 - Moody and Krcmarik will be nominating 1 overall winner and 2 honorable mentions for the 2006 Excellence in Waste Reduction and Recycling Award. The Environmental Excellence Awards Program recognizes businesses and non-profit organizations in Washtenaw County that provide leadership in environmental stewardship in the areas of water quality protection, waste reduction and recycling, and pollution prevention. These awards are given out each year during Pollution Prevention week by Planning and Environment and the Drain Commissioner.
 - The County is once again partnering with Neighborhood Senior Services on the United Way Day of Caring (September 14th) to help homebound seniors dispose of their HHW.
 - Moody has been attending town meetings in the City of Chelsea and Village of Manchester concerning the PA 185 5-year assessment for solid waste and recycling. Residents will now be assessed \$44/year for curbside and \$26/year for drop-off recycling services, an increase from 5 years ago. Part of this increase will fund the expansion of WWRA facilities.

- **Superior Township –**
 - BenDor reported that Great Lakes asked Superior Township to pay a fuel surcharge. He suggested the group think about other ways to collect trash countywide.
 - Stone responded that the City is looking at more co-collection of organics, trash and recycling. A Commercial Recycling Task Force (including 18 businesses) has been appointed by City Council to look at ways to increase recycling participation.

- **Recycle Ann Arbor –**
 - The Reuse Center and Environmental House (2420 S. Industrial) are having an open house on September 15th. Come see a floor made of Emerald Ash Borer lumber!
 - The DOS has been affected by high fuel costs – business is slower, but people are bringing more volume with each trip.
 - Volunteers are needed for the Lodi Township Clean-up Day (Sept 23rd from 9am-3pm) or they may have to cancel. People are needed in 2-hour shifts to check IDs and direct people. This event usually sees about 300-350 cars. Contact Osterhout if you have a source for volunteers.

- **Other Discussion –**
 - BenDor suggests that we think of ways to educate people about how to dispose of compact fluorescent lightbulbs because many people do not know that they have trace amounts of mercury in them. The discussion turned to TV disposal and what toxins may be present in LCD and plasma screens.
 - Moody tells the group that the Product Stewardship Institute, located in Chicago, is looking at the design of products as a way to close the loop. The UM Center for Sustainable Systems is also doing life cycle analyses on products.

6. Artley adjourned the meeting.