



Meeting Agenda

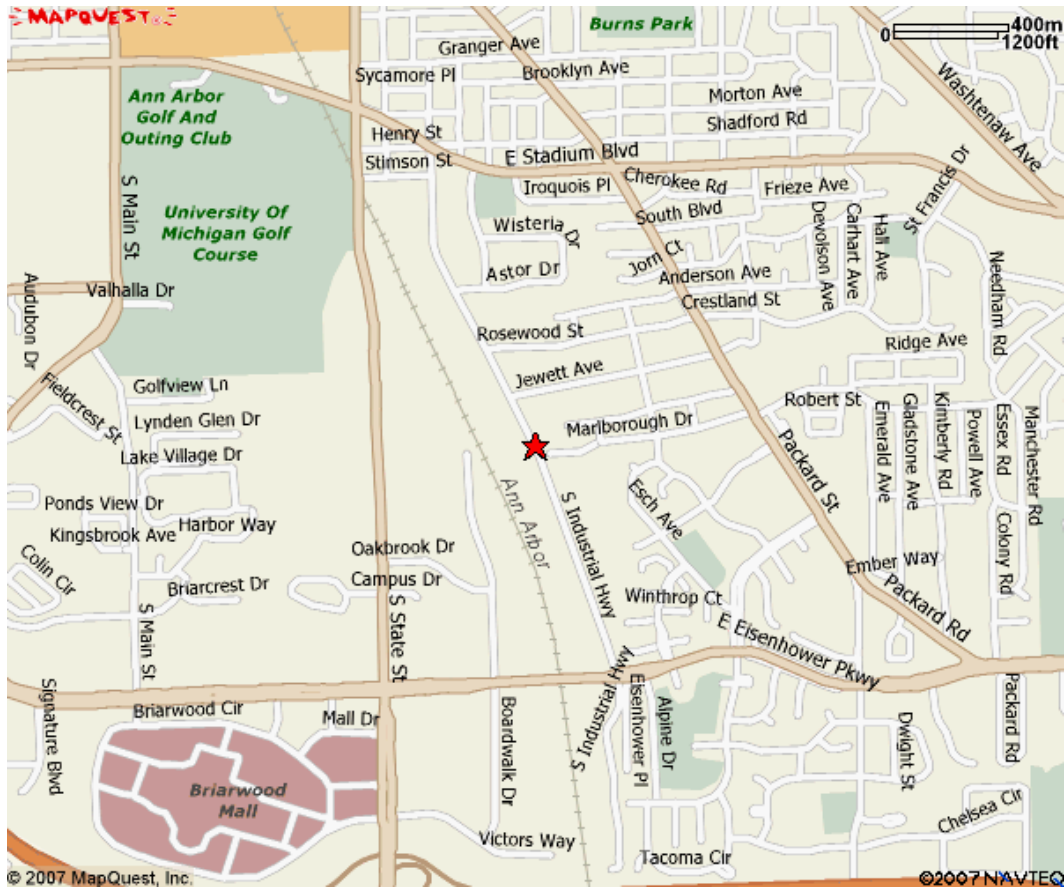
Thursday, February 22, 2007

Recycle Ann Arbor ReUse Center/Environmental House
Discussion of Ash Wood Utilization
Guest Speaker: Jessica Simons, RC&D Council
2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor
5:00pm

WCCSWM Meeting
Meeting room, Environmental House
2420 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor
5:30 pm

1. Call to Order and Introductions
 2. Approve Agenda for February 22nd
 3. Approve Minutes from January 25th
 4. Green Info Guide Update
 5. Election of Executive Committee Member
 6. Legislative Updates
 7. Task force formation – planning issues, home toxics, medical waste, etc.
 8. Local Community Updates
 9. Adjourn
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Map to 2420 S. Industrial



WCCSWM Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2007

In Attendance:

Tracy	Artley	University of Michigan
Michael-David	BenDor	Superior Township
George	Danneffel	City of Saline
Jeff	Krcmarik	Washtenaw County
Daniel	Moody	Washtenaw County
Alison	Richardson	University of Michigan
Chris	Simmons	City of Ypsilanti
Rich	Stefani	Manchester Township

1. Simmons called meeting to order
2. Agenda for January 25th was approved as printed
3. Minutes for December 7th were approved as printed
4. Green Info Guide Update
 - Simmons suggested that we start blogging about the GIG – linking to the web version of the GIG from local blogs, asking local bloggers to write about it – in order to get the word out. He mentioned a number of local Ypsilanti blogs where we could start:
 - ypsi~dixit: <http://www.ypsidixit.com/blog/>
 - trusty ghetto: <http://www.trustygetto.com/index.html>
 - common monkey flower: <http://blog.commonmonkeyflower.net/>
 - Mark Maynard: <http://www.markmaynard.com/>
 - Moody reported that 3 libraries have already asked for more copies of the GIG.
 - The ad about the GIG is still running on CTN.
 - Stefani has given the GIG to his local web liaison to take a look at it and make suggestions for future versions.
5. Task Force Formation
 - Solid Waste Planning:
 - Improvements need to be made to local solid waste plans – right now there are no requirements for reporting import/export collection data
 - Krcmarik: solid waste planning issues are not a high priority right now in the legislature because of funding constraints – all amendments we propose be made to solid waste plans need to be approved by the legislature.
 - There are lots of hoops to jump through in this process – it could take up to a year.
 - Local Planning Issues
 - BenDor: more interested in looking at the real cost of solid waste – in particular, the cost to local roads. This process may only involve working with

local municipalities to alter their zoning ordinances and may not need legislative approval.

- We should be looking at regional planning issues around solid waste in the private sector – integrating recycling into new residential developments by coming up with new ways to design and retrofit subdivisions
 - Krcmarik suggested we get the planner from the Road Commission on board to help us structure our ideas and translate those ideas to local government.
 - BenDor mentioned that it would be most effective if townships altered their zoning ordinances before developers come in. This would save the townships money.
 - The group should also be looking for examples of ordinances that have incorporated centralized solid waste designs for new subdivisions.
 - Krcmarik suggested that we work on enhancing recommendations already present in the Solid Waste Residential Profile that the County drafted in 2005.
 - He will present the group's ideas to County Commissioners.
- **Medical Waste**
- Moody: The County is working on expanding the Sharps program to include pharmaceutical waste.
 - Local pharmacies have been very receptive to this – chains have not.
 - Mary Eley from the MARR Coalition has agreed to donate pharmaceutical collection containers and the County has a bid out for collection services. They are applying for a grant with Clean Michigan Initiative to help fund this service.
 - It was noted that Pharmacy Solutions diverts usable pharmaceuticals to Doctors without Borders. This may be a possibility for our program.
- **Home Toxics** – it was noted that the group should initiate this task force by evaluating the services and information that is already available locally
- Simmons: working with Jim Frye of RRSI to change the structure/layout of the City of Ypsilanti Drop-off site. He will report back on this in future months.
- **Economics of Solid Waste**
- Interest in this task force is based on looking at methods for county-wide information sharing concerning markets for recycled materials.
 - It was mentioned that FCR puts out a yellow sheet once a week with commodity information. The MRC also puts out something similar.
 - Artley found free website reporting yellow sheet information: <http://amm.com/recman/default.asp>
 - BenDor mentioned that we should be encouraging local businesses to take recycled material (RAA's RecycleWorks: www.recycleannarbor.org is working on this) and sharing this information so homeowners can make informed decisions.
 - Moody: the County will be hosting a meeting on January 30th concerning generating markets for construction and demolition debris.

6. Local Community Updates

Washtenaw County -

- Krcmarik: the County just received a \$9600 grant from the Knight foundation to produce three more videos.
 - Barbara Lucas will be working on these videos. Topics include:
 - 1- how to clean up a mercury spill in your home
 - 2- best practices on how to care for your home septic system
 - 3- the homeowner's approach to home energy audits
 - 4- Lucas will also be adding a rolling screen advertising local pharmacies that will take back unused medication to the pharmaceutical waste video.
- Moody: The next County-wide clean-up day will be held on May 5th in Chelsea at the WWRA facility.

University of Michigan

- Artley: Recycle Mania – a regional recycling competition – starts on Monday.
 - UM will be participating in the Per Capita Classic, the Waste Reduction, and Grand Champion competitions this year.
 - Visit <http://www.recyclemaniacs.org/> to see where they stand!

7. Simmons adjourned the meeting.