



Meeting Agenda

Thursday, January 24th, 2008

Tour of Washtenaw County Library Learning Resource
Center (LLRC)

4135 Washtenaw Avenue, Ann Arbor

5:00pm

WCCSWM Meeting

Washtenaw County LLRC

4135 Washtenaw Avenue, Ann Arbor

5:30 pm



WCCSWM Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Approve Agenda for January 24th, 2008
3. Approve Minutes from December 6th, 2007
4. Green Info Guide Update
5. 2008 Meeting Location Determination
6. Election of Executive Committee Member
7. Legislative Updates
8. Task force Updates
9. Local Community Updates
10. Adjourn



WCCSWM Meeting Minutes
 December 6th, 2007
 Western Washtenaw Service Center, Zeeb Road

In Attendance:

Noelle	Bowman	Washtenaw County
George	Danneffel	City of Saline
Dick	Haines	Utica; RETAP; MRC
Jeff	Krcmarik	Washtenaw County
Dan	Moody	Washtenaw County
Chris	Simmons	City of Ypsilanti
Nancy	Stone	City of Ann Arbor

1. Mtg called to order (5:30 PM). Introductions.

2. Approve Agenda for Dec 6th, 2007

Eliminate item #5. Approved.

Replace eliminated item with “Treasurer’s Report.” Approved.

3. Approve Minutes from October 25th, 2007

Correction 1 - Bulk leaf collection is reduced to one pick up per year. Curbside chipping will be cancelled effective December 28th.

Correction 2 - Gina and Phil nominated → Gina and Phil elected.

Nancy Stone gave suggestion for future minutes – tell where previous meeting took place

Approved as corrected.

4. Green Info Guide Update

Jeff Krcmarik – Will put out a press release letting people know where they can pick the GIGs up.

Dan Moody – passes out sheet showing everything new featured on GIG. Everything in “BOLD BLACK” is a new addition. Asks everyone to please take a look in the next week or so, and let Dan know of any suggestions and/or errors. 1500 to be ordered – will placing in libraries, schools.

Also, have placed operating system requirements on the cover of CD for convenience.

Two new tabs have been added – lakes management (videos on lake mgt, water quality, Michigan riparian, Sea Grant, etc.); think local, act local – green lodging opportunities, local green networks, local harvest, local farms/farmers markets, etc.

Dan showed and explained the Environmental Portal. “Tremendous resource, readily available to public. Provides resource for people without internet.”

Dan showed the group an informational video about septic tanks.

5. Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer’s Report Balance: \$12, 401.88.

6. Legislative Updates

Jeff – Senate Majority Leader – been a “host of bills” sent out re. recycling. Senate Bills 889 and 903.

Chris – mentions a Bill that prohibits Hg from Landfills

7. Task force Updates

E-Waste

Nancy – passed out information sheet re. computer reuse & recycling. Specifically high-def. TVs. A2 banned comp. monitors/TVs from trash.

Jeff – recommends educate people about the converter box, so people can buy that, instead of buying a completely new TV. “Sell” this to local people by showing them they will save money through this process. Wants to coordinate with Recycle Ann Arbor and get the word out. Nancy – wants to coordinate with local businesses (individual companies, Best Buy, etc.) Nancy, Chris and Jeff to meet at Zeeb Road Big Boy on Wednesday Jan 9th to get moving on this task force.

(Dick – computer to Great lakes recycling charges, and so does office depot. Salvation Army to take it for free.) Nancy thinks fluorescent bulbs/hazardous waste should have a deposit.

Pharmaceutical Waste

First week of April, 1-week conference, talking about pharmaceutical waste. Idea is to provide best management practices when handling pharmaceutical waste. Want to make it a class continuing education for pharmacy students (UM, WCC). Dan and I are

working on some content for this, trying to line up speakers. Pharmaceutical Take-Back initiative is still short on funding, and trying to find a sustainable source. Perhaps provide contracting with reverse-distributors. Available by webcast, so people can view it at their desk, or anywhere off-site. Pharmacists can also view this online, for continuing education credit (CEUs).

Begging for funding from National Sanitation Foundation, etc.

Nancy – try to find grants. Take Food gathers’ initiative, and charge for such a service. Gauge how much people are willing to pay.

8. Local Community Updates

Nancy – Downtown Development Authority (DDA) – pilot recycling bins in downtown Ann Arbor. Different sizes/different locations.

Nancy - Water Bottles being sold for \$4 (Aluminum and plastic) Advertising “only tap-water”

Nancy – (public works folks) – after 7 yrs, there is 1% of city projects, will be used for art. This is mandated by law.

Jeff – nominated for EPA WasteWise award in Washtenaw D.C. – showed plaque to group. Previous Intern now working there. - Gave them GIG, Waste Knot bottle, Waste Knot bag – excellent marketing opportunity. Hopefully will help us get more weight for grants.

Chris – Ypsilanti is beginning w new trash contract to Ypsilanti Recycle 100 Challenge – over 3 yrs, increase 100lbs per household of recycling – 33 lbs/yr. Working with resource recycling system to develop some marketing ideas. Ypsilanti Courier – article talks about comparison between Ypsilanti and A2. Shows stats. Added schools, condominium complex. Residential is where to save the most money. Ordered new truck yesterday!! Chipping workers can work for this program and effectively save more money.

Jeff – the county’s jail will have a biomass furnace. Presentation last week from Karie Sheldon, who explained how it was going to work, addressed concerns about particulates. Asks group if they would be interested in seeing it in January meeting?

Nancy – LLRC will be next meeting location.

Nancy – add to Agenda game-plan for next yrs meeting dates/locations

Jeff – showed the group the new movies about reducing utility bills. Funded by Knight grant foundation. Going to do one on bees. Going to be applying for another grant from Knight grant foundation. Anyone have any leads on grants, please let Jeff know.

Dick – Presents program to increase value of recyclables. Dick passed around copies. Plastics people – difference between MI and other states, 25% improved value if collected through deposit, rather than curbside. Value of recycled materials need to go up, rather than down. Can do this, if recycling is done properly. We should be recycling, but we are “down-cycling.” If you are interested in becoming involved in this project, please contact Dick at: haidic@ameritech.net. Need financial incentives.

9. Meeting Adjourned (7:45)