



Meeting Agenda

Thursday, January 25, 2007

Tour of Batteries Plus
3120 Packard Street, Ann Arbor
5:00pm

WCCSWM Meeting
Batteries Plus
3120 Packard Street, Ann Arbor
5:30 pm

1. Call to Order and Introductions
 2. Approve Agenda for January 25th
 3. Approve Minutes from December 7th
 4. Green Info Guide Update
 5. Task force formation – planning issues, home toxics, medical waste, etc.
 6. Local Community Updates
 7. Adjourn
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WCCSWM Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2006

In Attendance:

Michael-David	BenDor	Superior Township
George	Danneffel	City of Saline
Jeff	Krcmarik	Washtenaw County
Daniel	Moody	Washtenaw County
Chris	Simmons	City of Ypsilanti
Joanna	Smither	Washtenaw County

1. **Simmons called meeting to order**
2. **Agenda for December 7th was approved as printed**
3. **Minutes for October 26th were approved as corrected**
 - Nicole Chardoul's name was spelled wrong in the first point of item 3.
 - Simmons noted that he has a paper copy of the RRSI presentation given to WCCSWM members on October 26th. If you were unable to attend that meeting and would like to view the information presented, contact Simmons or Smither directly.
4. **Green Info Guide Update**
 - Moody is working on getting feedback from libraries on number of copies given out. He noted that all libraries are disseminating the GIG differently – some are displaying it in central locations, some behind the counter, etc.
 - Simmons has drafted a letter to new Ypsilanti City Council members about WCCSWM and the GIG and will be sending them copies to look at.
 - Danneffel would like to do the same for Saline City Council members. Smither will email him – and anyone else interested in doing this – a number of documents about the GIG to help draft a letter.
 - It was mentioned that the group could get more schools involved in waste reduction and recycling by first writing articles/press releases highlighting schools in the County already doing these things – i.e. the Saline district recycling club. It might be more effective to approach schools this way rather than just handing out copies of the GIG.
 - Krcmarik reported that the County Commissioners are very impressed with the GIG and are interested in bringing it to the surface by partnering with entities like MSU Extension on rural issues and the Drain Commissioners office on surface water issues.
 - They have commissioned an artist to incorporate all of these issues into a more user friendly and interactive format – see attached drawing on page 6. Within this format, the user will be able to click on different topic tabs for more information.
 - It was noted that this design could be expanded to look at environmental issues surrounding industrial, rural, school settings, or inside the home.
 - Krcmarik also presented the idea of contacting Google to get this design on the web – this project may fit well into their community outreach ideology.

- An example of how Google Earth has been used in this community: after the October 14th collection day, survey addresses were entered into Google Earth to determine the proximity of homes that attended as well as to look at flood mitigation.

5. 2007 Meeting Locations and Topics

- The group has decided to keep August open and unscheduled for flexibility and because that month has traditionally had low attendance.

Meeting Date	Location	Topic
November 9 th	Leopold Brothers	America Recycles Day Celebration
December 7 th	Zeeb Road	Annual Planning Meeting – 5:30pm Executive Committee Meeting at 5:00pm
January 25 th	Batteries Plus, Ann Arbor	Batteries – Krishna Mallya
February 22 nd	RAA ReUse Center/Environmental House	Emerald Ash Borer – Jessica Simons from RC&D Council
March 22 nd	City of Saline	Tour of new Saline DPW
April 26 th ?	TBD	Waste Knot Ceremony
May 24 th	St. Joe's Hospital	Tour, including biodiesel fleet
June 28 th	Corner Brewery, Ypsilanti	Tour of Brewery
July 26 th	Habitat for Humanity's ReStore	Tour of ReStore
August 23 rd	TBD	TBD
September 27 th	Matthaei Botanical Gardens	Native Landscaping – Bob Grese
October 25 th	WWRA	Tour of New Facility
November 8 th	Leopold Brothers	America Recycles Day Celebration
December 6 th	Zeeb Road	Annual Planning Meeting

6. Executive Committee Meeting Update

- General members were briefed on task force discussions from Executive committee meeting – see minutes from that meeting below.

7. Local Community Updates

Washtenaw County -

- Krcmarik met with Scio Township regarding their solid waste profile assessment – they have decided to offer residents the option of a preferred hauler. The next step will be to get a contractor involved.
- The Washtenaw County Solid Waste Program won an award through the North American Hazardous Materials Management Association for the Best Program developed by a government/non-profit partnership – an award won for the Senior Home Product Pick-up events. Moody is currently talking with Neighborhood Senior Services and Dexter and Whitmore Lake senior centers to try to expand and enhance this event and make it a year-round service.
- The Whitmore Lake water quality advisory board is interested in incorporating wood structures made of ash lumber into the lake for fish breeding purposes. They are working with Jessica Simons of the RC&D Council Ash Utilizations Project on this.
- Regional Clean-up Day: May 5, 2007 at WWRA facility in Chelsea.
- The Habitat for Humanity ReStore just opened and is collecting unopened cans of paint. Check it out: <http://www.h4h.org/>

- There was a great turnout for the Mercury Spill Workshop, held in November of last year

8. Simmons adjourned the meeting.

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2006

1. Simmons called meeting to order

2. Agenda for December 7th was approved as printed

3. 2007 Meeting Locations and Topics

- See notes and schedule from general meeting minutes above

4. Ideas for 2007 task force projects

- **Planning Issues task force**

- Introduced by BenDor as a task force designed to look at the real costs to waste disposal, in particular, the cost to our roads.
- Krcmarik mentioned that it is hard to quantify how much money is saved when a community chooses to go with fewer haulers, although there is a certain amount of money set aside per mile of paved road in the County.
- It was suggested that this task force meet with the Road Commission to discuss and draft a comprehensive report on what factors weaken the roads, how damages could be reduced, and ultimately, how municipalities could recoup costs.
- It also may be helpful to meet with the planner from the Road Commission to determine what is already out there in terms of ordinances. This discussion could lead to developing a solid waste model for new housing developments.
- BenDor suggested that damage to roads could be reduced and recycling encouraged by incorporating a central drop-off location into new developments where residents could drop off trash and recycling and pick up mail. Safety would be encouraged through the addition of security cameras and street lamps.

- **Home Toxics task force**

- This group would work on looking at ways to reduce the cost of disposing of items such as batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, and electronics.
- Discuss in more detail in January 2007 after tour of Batteries Plus

- **Medication Disposal task force**

- This group would look into incorporating medication take-back programs into pharmacies. This would involve regaining contact with pharmacies participating in the sharps program to see if they would be interested.

- **Economics of Waste task force**

- This group would look at methods for county-wide information sharing concerning markets for recycled materials.

5. Simmons adjourned the meeting.

