



Meeting Agenda

Thursday, September 28, 2006

Tour of University of Michigan Football Stadium

Meet at Campus Safety Services Building

1239 Kipke Drive, Ann Arbor

(Kipke Dr. connects Stadium to Greene St and is near the football stadium)

Parking is free.

Please arrive at **5:00 pm sharp** with your walking shoes on!

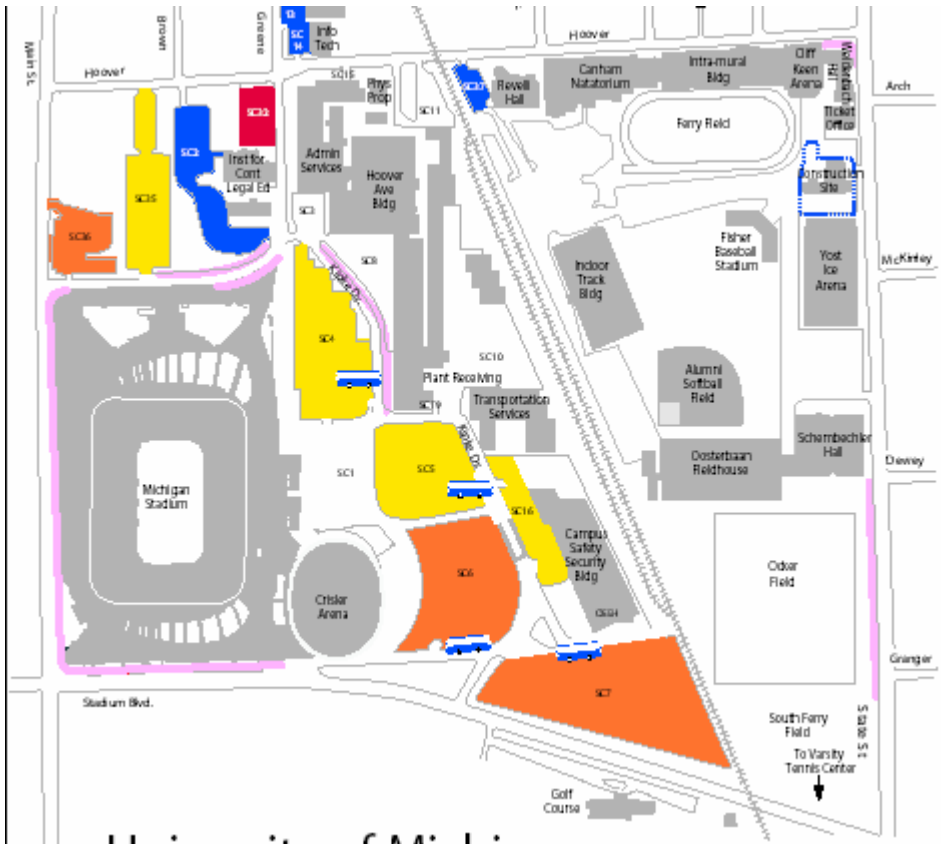
WCCSWM Meeting

Room 2043 of Campus Safety Services Building

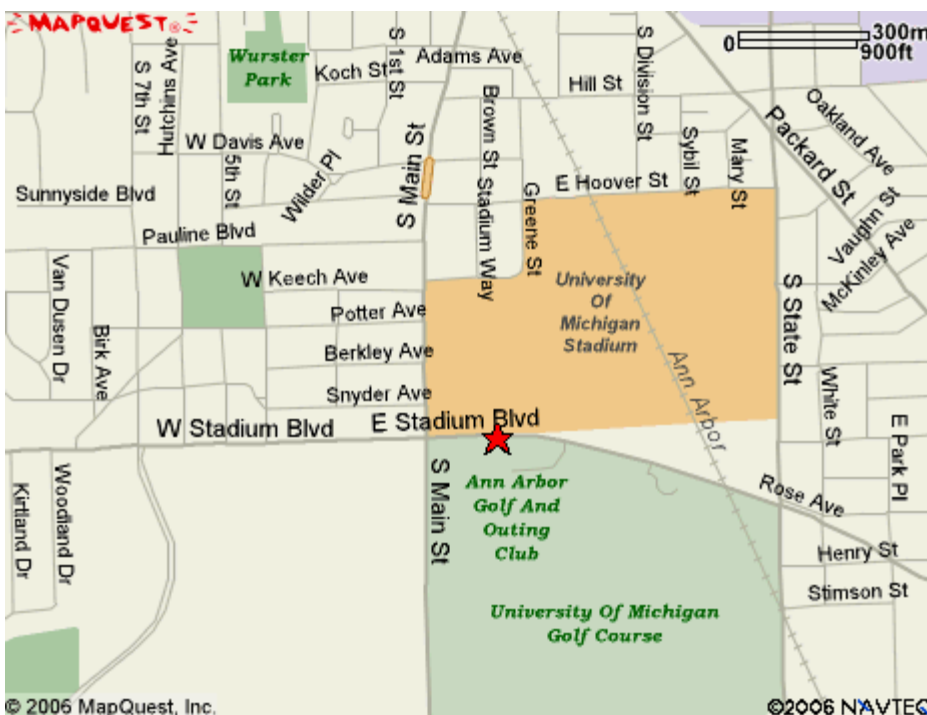
5:45pm

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1. Call to Order and Introductions
 2. Approval of Agenda for September 28th
 3. Approve Minutes from July 27th
 4. Green Info Guide Update
 5. Elect new Vice Chair
 6. Discuss 2007 Meeting Locations and Topics
 7. Adjourn
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Below is a map of Central U of M Campus. You will see the Campus Safety Services (called “Security” on the map) Building in the bottom center of the map to the right of the Stadium. You can park in either of the orange lots (SC6 or SC7) directly to the left or below the Campus Safety Services Building. Follow this map after reaching the UM Stadium.



Map to the University of Michigan Stadium – 101 E. Stadium Blvd, Ann Arbor, MI 48104:



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.

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2006

In Attendance:

Michael-David	BenDor	Superior Township
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 August 24th was approved as printed

3. Minutes from July 27th must be approved by general membership

4. Authorization for Money Approval Discussion

- This issue arose prior to the May WCCSWM meeting when Mary Eley, Executive Director of the MARR Coalition, was invited to speak to the group. Because she was invited between meetings, there wasn't time for the group to vote on and authorize the funds that she required to make the trip. In this case, Washtenaw County fronted the money and WCCSWM has since paid it back.
- After discussion, it was decided that because this has only happened once, the group should handle situations like these on a case-by-case basis, rather than draft a policy stating that the Executive Committee has the authority to spend up to a certain amount of funds without general membership approval. Krcmarik stated that the County is comfortable fronting money for situations that they are confident WCCSWM members would sponsor.

5. Green Info Guide Update

- Krcmarik reported that the Michigan Recycling Coalition is interested in using the GIG as a model to put similar information on their website – a new look for their 25th anniversary.
 - They are looking at ways to format the GIG to fit their needs, such as including a tool kit for Local Units of Government. Krcmarik mentioned that we could then take what they have learned to update future versions of our GIG.
- How do we monitor the success of the GIG?
 - Krcmarik reported that the number hits to the Washtenaw County Recycles website has gone up, although it is difficult to tell whether the GIG is part of this.
 - The Knight Foundation is marketing an online evaluation form that will pop up as every user leaves the site – if WCCSWM is willing to pay for this, this would be a great way to get feedback.
- Smither is still looking into getting the GIG into local libraries – the County will put out a press release once CDs have been distributed to the libraries.
- BenDor suggests implementing an Information Sharing Policy requiring people to acknowledge the GIG as the source of their information. Krcmarik suggests that we also look into copyrighting the general format of the GIG, considering that the majority of the information on the CD is not ours, but the design is.

6. Discussion of Future projects

- The group discusses moving toward more policy-based projects. For instance, BenDor suggests looking at the impact that the energy crisis is having on solid waste. WCCSWM could recommend policies to Local Units of Government that will reduce the number of trips trucks have to make through neighborhoods – we could also provide them with statistics on how much money will be saved in terms of road costs.
 - Other ideas include drafting building ordinances to require the construction of centralized recycling/solid waste facilities in old and new subdivisions and multi-family housing units and looking at how to get the commercial sector more involved in recycling.
- Krmarik is talking to Debra Power of Power Marketing to learn how to market the above ideas to community leaders.

7. Discuss ways to increase group participation

- The group hopes to increase involvement in WCCSWM through the new initiatives mentioned above. By addressing topics that will directly affect their communities in the multi-family housing and commercial sectors, LUG leaders will hopefully be more stimulated to attend meetings and help draft policies.
- The committee also hopes to increase attendance with more interesting tours and speakers – see below for possibilities.
- Krmarik suggests that maybe we need fewer meetings throughout the year, considering the fact that summer attendance is often so low. This could leave time for subgroups and committees to meet.
- Simmons suggests that we change our database immediately following November elections and welcome new representatives right away with new topics to peak their interest.

8. Plan 2007 meeting locations

- Below is a list of possible locations and topics for future meetings. Please email Joanna at smitherj@ewashtenaw.org if you would like to comment on the below suggestions or if you have ideas of your own.

Locations	Topics
Matthaei Botanical Gardens – Ann Arbor	Biodiesel bus tour
Recycle Ann Arbor – Ann Arbor	Batteries
Manchester Villages – dam, new libraries	Emerald Ash Borer disposal – Jessica Simons from SE Michigan RC&D Council
Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority – Chelsea	Lighting alternatives – how to dispose of bulbs
St. Joe’s Hospital – Ann Arbor	Lawn Care – Bob Bricault, MSU Extension or someone from Wild Ones
Calvert’s Roll-off Containers – Scio Twp	Aquatic Invasives – Doug Pullman
Corner Brewery – Ypsilanti	Terrestrial Invasives and information on how to include native plantings in your landscape – Bob Grese
Leopold’s – Tour for America Recycle’s Day	
ReCellular – Dexter	
Batteries Plus – Ann Arbor	
City of Saline – New DPW and water treatment plant facilities	

* Please note that the topics and locations above are not linked in any way – they are positioned side by side in order to save space.

9. Simmons adjourned the meeting.

