



**Richmond
Wayne County
Environmental
Awareness
Council**

February 7, 2008
Minutes

Present: Scott Zimmerman, Elijah Welsh, Stephanie Hays-Mussoni, Sharon Palmer, Bob Hansen, Sarah Mitchell, Chris Hardie, Mayor Hutton, Mic Jackson, Harry Phillips, Fred Stockberger, and Guest: Vicki Robinson, Purchasing Director for City of Richmond

CLEAN – Mayor Hutton will make a call to Stacy at IDEM to try to push the designation forward.

Lighting – Vicki gave an update on what is happening with lighting at the City Building. Some type of lift is needed, possibly from the Parks Dept, to reach the canned lights on the outside of the building. Depending on the lighting needs, sockets at the corners or every second or third may have a bulb. Harry, Vicki, and the Mayor will meet to compare the r20 and r30 for the inside can lights. The bulbs will be purchased and installed as soon as possible. Maybe _ to 1/3 of the sockets may not have bulbs. Energy efficient bulbs will also be purchased for the EXIT signs within the next two weeks.

A committee of Harry and Scott will work on narrative for a lighting policy as the Council's input to the Mayor and Purchasing.

The Mayor informed us that discussions will begin with Ameresco on energy efficient rehabbing of the City Building.

Recycling –

Recycling Bins – The recycling bins for bottles and cans *should* be arriving the first of March. So far the Recycling Coalition hasn't been on time. After they arrive, we will have some type of media hype to kick off an aggressive recycling way-of-life campaign yet to be determined. KICKS 96 is enthusiastically interested in recycling and could possibly be the 'voice' of recycling. Some departments are already recycling white office paper with bins in the department areas. The Mayor agreed to find the money to purchase a blue waste can for every current trash can at desks.

White office paper is white, can have color printing on it, cannot be slick or glossy, cannot have glue or sticky (post it notes, envelope flaps), cannot have the plastic window on envelopes (you can remove the plastic window and then recycle the envelope), can be computer paper with the green lines, can be engineering paper.

Elijah will check into prices for junk mail recycling. The Mayor will talk to the Sanitation Board about how to make that happen in the City.

A committee of the Mayor, Vicki Robinson, Mic, and Sharon will work on the narrative for a recycling policy and/or change in the Purchasing ordinance.

A committee of the Mayor and Vicki will work on how to educate employees and how to gather recycling ideas from employees.

Harry and Elijah will check into how to dispose of light bulbs.

Wal-Mart will take batteries to recycle as will the Recycling Center.

Business Forums –

Chris and Bob Hansen have set March 28 as the date for the first business forum. It is tentatively set for 9-3 at Ivy Tech. On the agenda are Purdue TAP and Subaru and lunch. This forum is intended for managers of large power users. A group of six from Richmond attended the CleanEnergy Forum at Subaru, Lafayette and learned of Subaru's Zero Landfill recycling program.

Comprehensive Plan Open House – To celebrate two years of work on the City's Comprehensive Plan, there will be a celebration May 15 from 6-8 on the 3rd floor of the City Building. Between 6-7, visitors may view each of the 13 committee's work told on posters, handouts, and by the chair. At 7, a special session of the Plan Commission will begin to receive a progress report and to recognize and honor all who have worked on the implementation of the comprehensive plan for the past two years. Everyone is welcome to attend, especially to receive your certificate! It will be a great opportunity to learn what others have been doing.

Post Meeting Announcement –

The Mayor emailed all city employees asking them to treat Richmond as an Idle Free Zone. If the vehicle will be parked for more than 10 seconds, the vehicle should be turned off. Attached to the email were 'Idling Myths vs Reality,' 'Tips for Cleaner Driving,' the Executive Order for CLEAN Community Challenge, and the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement.

If you have anything that you would like posted on our website, <http://www.rweac.org> please send to Chris Hardie at chris@summersault.com

If you have agenda items for the next meeting, please send them to Stephanie. When you make progress on a CLEAN /Comprehensive Plan goal, please share that also.

Next meeting is the first Thursday of each month at Noon in the Community Room of the Municipal Building: March 6, 2008; 12:00. This is a lunch meeting so please do not hesitate to bring your lunch. Agenda items so far: Earth Day – April 26; March 28 Business Forum