



**Richmond
Wayne County
Environmental
Awareness
Council**

March 6, 2008
Minutes

Present: Elijah Welsh, Stephanie Hays-Mussoni, Sharon Palmer, Sarah Mitchell, Chris Hardie, Fred Stockberger.

No Idle Zone – City fire and sanitation trucks have been spotted idling for long periods of time. How can we help get the message out?

CLEAN – Dedication Ceremony will be Thurs. April 24 at 11:30 AM at a soon to be decided location. Possible locations are the City Bldg. Or Hills. IDEM will be sending out invitations to dignitaries.

Lighting – Stephanie will check with the Mayor on progress with interior and exterior lighting changes. An draft Environmental Policy Statement is attached with this email for email discussion. The question arose at the meeting whether this is sufficient or should there be a separate lighting policy statement. We need your input.

Recycling –

Recycling Bins from Coca Cola/National Recycling Coalition *should* arrive mid-to late March. We will wait until their arrival to fully plan a kickoff event with KICKS 96.

Stephanie will check with the Mayor on progress on purchasing blue trash bins for each desk, the Sanitation Board beginning to recycle junk mail, and employee education of recycling.

Purchasing ordinance – Mic is doing research on other communities purchasing policies. The ad-hoc committee has not met as a whole.

Earth Day – April 26 in the Logo Building in the Gorge. Need volunteers to be at our ‘booth’ from 10-2. So far, Sharon, Chris, and Stephanie have volunteered. Sarah Mitchell and Chris Hardie will work on content and layout for posters. Fred S. volunteered some white boards.

Business Forums –

March 28 at Ivy Tech is the “Go Lean by Going Green” forum. Bob Hansen and Mic Jackson are working on a CLEAN brochure to distribute at that luncheon. Chris Hardie is working on a survey for interest and topics for future forums. Elijah Welsh will contact IDEM for a date for when someone can present P2 grant information. An environmental consulting company would like to be invited to that presentation and then follow up at another luncheon a presentation for how their company can help businesses with pollution prevention programs.

Comprehensive Plan Open House – (Repeat Information)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.

Success Stories – Write a paragraph about an environmental success and send to Chris or if you have anything else 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 or Chris Hardie. 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: April 3, 2008; 12:00. This is a lunch meeting so please do not hesitate to bring your lunch.