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Environmental Commission Meeting

Thursday, August 3, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.

Public Works Building

7700 Southern Avenue

MINUTES

Present

Chairman Joe Skelley
Urania Erskine
Steve Fleischmann
Andy Foster
Alderman Janda

Linda Kaplan
Paul Mosteller
Susan Threlkeld
Jayu Wagh

Staff

Kathy Cross
Joe Nunes

Absent

Jimmy Davis
Scott Schoefernacker
Bo Mills

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Skelley called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

A quorum for the Environmental Commission meeting was established.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

No guests were present.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the July meeting were approved.

STAFF REPORTS:

Joe Nunes: Mr. Nunes shared the monthly volume reports; Recycle is slightly up from last year, household trash volume is down about 4% and yard debris is up about 43% from last year. The yard debris is thought to still be a byproduct of this summer's storm. The City did bring in some extra equipment and is working with FEMA to recoup some of the \$15,000 extra dollars spent for storm debris cleanup. Memphis spent approximate \$7 million for storm debris cleanup thus far. Waste Pro did a great job cleaning up debris and is sponsoring the main stage at Oktoberfest to take place on November 4th.

Mr. Nunes spoke with the records control company that provides the shredding service for our Amnesty Day. We had several residents turned away in April due to the shredding trucks filling up. There will be a



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third truck this Amnesty Day; two will be on-site shredding and the third will transport documents to their facility for shredding.

Mr. Nunes brought commission members samples of tote bags made from recycled bottles and eyeglass cleaning cloths printed with the Environmental Commission Logo; the cloths will be distributed at the Senior Expo. Environmental Commission members received name tags and Mr. Nunes discussed choices of materials and sizes for our Environmental Commission shirts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Jayu Wagh: Mrs. Wagh would like Scott Schoefnacker to address the recent reports of unwanted substances in our drinking water when he returns.

Andy Foster: Mr. Foster shared an article about Al Gore. Al Gore promotes conservation such as drying clothes on clotheslines and walking when you can instead of driving. His 20 room home uses 21 times more electricity than the average American home, which means it would take 21 years for an average home to use as much power as he uses in a year. His heated pool uses the same amount of energy in one year that an average home uses in six years.

Urania Erskine: Mrs. Erskine also wants answers to questions about substances in our water when Mr. Schoefnacker returns.

Susan Threlkeld: Recently, Mrs. Threlkeld purchased a clean air machine to filter the air. The product said it was "Ozone Free" but when plugged in, the ozone could be smelled. After research, Mrs. Threlkeld found that legally a product can say "Ozone Free" even though it does generate a limited amount of ozone. Mrs. Threlkeld returned the product for one with a HEPA Filter that does not produce the carcinogenic ozone byproduct.

The Office of Sustainability announced that a meeting about electric cars will be hosted by the Sierra Club on August 17th; there will be electric cars on display.

Linda Kaplan: Mrs. Kaplan shared that her electric car gets the first 24 miles on strictly electric power. Since the car was first put in service in August, 2015, it has averaged over 55 MPG's, gas and electric. At the car's most recent oil change, at approx. 41,000 miles, she calculates that over 16,000 miles were electric only.

Steve Fleischmann: No report.

Paul Mosteller: Mr. Mosteller shared that he recently joined Germantown Bulletin Board Facebook page. Mr. Mosteller shared on the Facebook page that individuals interested in serving on Commissions should become involved in events such as Amnesty Day or attend Commission meetings as a guest to make their interest known. Also, on the Bulletin Board, residents were discussing high water pressure in Poplar



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Estates Subdivision. Mr. Mosteller suggested that we include information about water pressure in the "Talk of the Town" as well as information about pressure reducers.

Alderman Janda: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sign up for Amnesty Day, September 16th.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.