

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING
December 3, 2009 6 PM
MUNICIPAL CENTER**

MINUTES

Present

Chairman Joe Skelley Linda Kaplan
Susan Threlkeld Craig Lazarov
Andy Foster Alderman Palazzolo
Clyde Davidson
Dr. Jimmy Davis

Staff

Bo Mills
Tim Bierdz
Joe Nunes
Juanita Bell

Absent: Tim Sauter, Brandy Miller, David Thorpe and Sandra Hayne

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Joe Skelley called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Alderman Palazzolo thanked the Commission members for their service.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

The minutes of the October 1, 2009 and the November 5, 2009 meeting of the Environmental Commission were unanimously approved.

STAFF REPORTS:

Joe Nunes:

Mr. Nunes reported that there continues to be a downward trend of recycling primarily due to paper, not comingled. The average collection per working day has increased by 4% since last fiscal year. Mr. Nunes reported that one of the January Board of Mayor and Alderman items will be the discussion on an extension for the solid waste contract with All-Star and Michael's Tree and Loader for one year.

Tim Bierdz:

Mr. Bierdz updated the Commission on the stormwater fee which is scheduled for the first reading on December 8, 2009 and public hearing is scheduled for January 11, 2010.

Bo Mills:

Mr. Mills advised the Commission of the current leaf policy which ensures that only leaves that have "naturally fallen" in the public right-of-ways will be cleared by the City. All residents are responsible for their own leaf removal. Also, those residents are advised that Michael's Tree and Loader will only retrieve leaves that are placed in clear bags.

Mr. Mills reported to the Commission that Public Services has purchased Salt/Cinder mix from the City of Memphis in the past for clearing of the streets. The City of Memphis is no longer providing this service and our division is having difficulty locating a company that will allow us to purchase only what we need for Germantown roadways.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Clyde Davidson – Storms/Wetlands/Sanitary Sewer:

Nothing to report

Craig Lazarov – Storms/Wetlands/Sanitary Sewer:

Nothing to report

Linda Kaplan – Think Green:

Ms. Kaplan reported to the Commission that she had attended the Vesta Home Show and found it very interesting.

Ms. Kaplan announced to the Commission that Temple of Israel will host an Eco Expo on January 31, 2010. There is no admission fee.

Susan Threlkeld – Composting/Xeriscape:

Ms. Threlkeld announced that she will be taking a sustainable agriculture class at Rhodes College.

Andy Foster – Energy Use Resource Management:

Nothing to report

Jimmy Davis – Research:

Nothing to report

ADJOURNMENT:

The Commission adjourned at 6:30 p.m. to a Holiday Party at the Threlkeld's home. The Commission thanks Susan and Michael for their hospitality.