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Environmental Commission Meeting
Thursday, August 2, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.
Public Works Building
7700 Southern Avenue

MINUTES

Present:

Chairman Joe Skelley
Urania Erskine
Andy Foster
Linda Kaplan
Alderman Dean Massey
Francoise Mireles
Scott Schoefernacker
Susan Threlkeld
Jayu Wagh

Staff:

Bo Mills
Joe Nunes
Kathy Cross

Absent:

Jimmy Davis
Kevin Haley

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Skelley called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

A quorum for the Environmental Commission meeting was established.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

We had no guests.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the July meeting were approved.

STAFF REPORTS:

Joe Nunes:

- “Recycle the Right Way” Campaign has started with a postcard mailing and the “Feet on the Street” Campaign started last Monday; two recycling specialists are on the street



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inspecting an average of 125-150 homes a day. The first week approximately 20% were "OOPS"; plastic bags are primarily the item recycled in error.

- Recycling campaign was covered by Chanel 5.
- Recycling fee did not increase this month.
- Recycling volume was down in July because of issues with the recycling facility; Trash volume was consistent and yard debris was up due to storms.
- Memphis has now hired Waste Pro to be their solid waste contractor.

Director Mills:

- Farmington Park is one of Public Works' projects this year. The first phase is primarily stormwater, driveway and parking lot work. The park will be closed during part of the renovation. This is a multi-use park for both residents and Farmington Elementary School.
- Two million dollars was approved in our budget process for paving in FY19. Approximately \$660,000 will be used to improve Wolf River Boulevard west of Germantown Parkway; the bid process will begin soon and work will hopefully begin in September. Poplar Estates Parkway will be another major roadway scheduled for paving along with other subdivision work.

ALDERMAN LIAISON REPORT:

Alderman Massey:

- Work is continuing toward acquiring land necessary to widen Forest Hill Irene Road from Winchester to Poplar Pike.
- Parks Master plan is going forward. Money has been budgeted to purchase land.
- Cordova Triangle Rezoning: Owens family, the landowner, has filed a lawsuit; they will try to maintain the zoning and continue toward developing it as commercial.
- The Grove Project: there are plans to cut down trees. A copy of the plans for trees to be taken out can be obtained.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS:

Jayu Wagh: Nothing to report.

Scott Schoefnacker:

- TVA report was published this past month.

Francoise Mireles:

- Update of partnering with Revolution Bicycle and Habitat for Humanity; Revolution Bicycle cannot attend September's Amnesty Day but would like to come next spring. Habitat for Humanity will be participating at Amnesty Day on September 15th. Mr. Nunes will follow up concerning logistics, liabilities and advertisement with Kaitlyn Cox from Habitat for Humanity.



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Susan Threlkeld:

- New smart gas meters have two cut-offs. The meter can talk to the technician.

Linda Kaplan: Nothing to report.

Urania Erskine:

- An article shared how aquifers worldwide are drying up; Asia and Arab countries' aquifers have collapsed such as the ones in Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia formed corporations that came to Arizona and purchased huge parcels of farm land to grow alfalfa using water from Arizona's aquifers. The alfalfa is then shipped back to Saudi Arabia.

Andy Foster:

- Federal Express has a new fuel saving programs including taking off every 90 seconds to avoid idling and turn planes off at the gate.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

Amnesty Day to be held on September 15; Commission members signed up to attend at their preferred site.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.