

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING**

**December 2, 2010 6 PM**

**Susan Threlkeld's Home @ 7861 Lennox Cove**

**MINUTES**

**Present**

Chairman Joe Skelley  
Susan Threlkeld  
David Thorpe  
Clyde Davidson  
Andy Foster

Brandy Miller  
Linda Kaplan  
Urania Erskine  
Alderman Palazzolo  
Dr. Jimmy Davis

**Staff**

Joe Nunes  
Tim Bierdz  
Juanita Bell

**Absent:** Judith Goden

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**MINUTES APPROVAL:**

The minutes of the November meeting were approved.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Joe Nunes:**

Mr. Nunes reported that recycling was up this month by 7% and down 1.9% year to date. In the upcoming solid waste collection bid, the bidders are being asked to include a recycling incentive program in one of their bids to see if it's affordable.

**Tim Bierdz:**

Mr. Bierdz reported that there were five bids on the Wolf River Boulevard project with bid opening being held on November 30<sup>th</sup>. The low bid was Acuff/Scott Contracting for \$18 million. Construction will begin February or March of 2011 and will include two miles and two bridges. We will still be gathering samples and testing pre-development, during construction and after construction. This project is taking place in the low lands of the Wolf River basin and there are some wetland mitigations onsite and four acres off site on the Chickasaw Basin property.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Brandy Miller – Education:**

Ms. Miller reported that she has scheduled a recycling presentation at Germantown Elementary for December 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Jimmy Davis – Research:**

Nothing to report

**Andy Foster – Energy Use Resource Management:**

Nothing to report.

**Linda Kaplan – Think Green:**

Ms. Kaplan announced that Southwest Tennessee Community College is offering multiple classes on "Green" issues this upcoming Spring semester.

**Urania Erskine – Storms/Wetlands/Sanitary Sewer:**

Ms. Erskine presented a magazine based on water wise gardening and an insert on stormwater rules and regulations'.

**Alderman Palazzolo thanked the Commission for the presentation last month to the Mayor in appreciation of her recycling efforts within the City.**

**David Thorpe – Air Quality:**

Nothing to report

**Clyde Davidson – Storm/Wetlands/Sanitary Sewer:**

Nothing to report

**Susan Threlkeld – Composting/Xeriscape:**

Nothing to report.

**Chairman Skelley voiced the Commission's appreciation to Ms. Threlkeld and her husband Michael for hosting tonight's Christmas party and introduced the member's spouses.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Commission adjourned to the Christmas party at 6:30 p.m.