

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING**  
**January 6, 2011 6 PM**  
**MUNICIPAL CENTER**

**MINUTES**

**Present**

Andy Foster  
Susan Threlkeld  
David Thorpe  
Dr. Jimmy Davis

Moya Fulbright-Dent  
Linda Kaplan  
Urania Erskine  
Alderman Palazzolo

**Staff**

Joe Nunes  
Tim Bierdz  
Juanita Bell

**Absent:** Chairman Skelley, Brandy Miller and Clyde Davidson

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Vice Chairman Andy Foster called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS:**

The Commission welcomes Ms. Moya Fulbright-Dent as a new member. Ms. Fulbright-Dent works for First Tennessee and would like to learn more about the environment.

The Commission welcomes three guests. Ms. Lisa Catlett who is a current resident of Bartlett and is trying to get her LEEDS certification and is very interested in the environment. Mr. Paul Zahner is a resident of Germantown. Mr. Ken Adams is a recurring visitor of the Commission.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:**

The minutes of the December 2010 meeting were approved.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Tim Bierdz:**

Mr. Bierdz reminded the Commission to rake and bag leaves to avoid blocked drains. If anyone sees contractors or residents blowing leaves into the street, please call Code Compliance.

**Joe Nunes:**

Mr. Nunes reported that recycling volume was down 6.2% in December compared to last year and is the lowest month of December in 4 years. The fiscal year to date is down 2.6%. City office recycling will be expanded to City Hall and Public Services in coming weeks and then GPAC and GAC will be added in February. Solid waste disposal (landfill bids) came in somewhat lower than our current price. Analysis is being done and the collection request for proposals will go out in the coming week or two.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Susan Threlkeld – Composting/Xeriscape:**

Ms. Threlkeld reported that she and Brandy Miller had given a presentation to approximately 150 students and teachers at Germantown Elementary. Ms. Threlkeld also announced that Tim Bierdz would be speaking to the Germantown Gardening Club during the upcoming meeting regarding stormwater.

Ms. Kaplan and Ms. Threlkeld gave information on the upcoming Eco Expo. The Expo will be held on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at Temple Israel from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Many congregations and communities will be involved.

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

Ms. Erskine announced a workshop that will be held by the cities of Bartlett and Lakeland. The cities are joining forces with Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), UT Extension and the Tennessee Water Resources Research Center to host a Home Landscape Workshop on Thursday, January 20, from 9 a.m. through 3 p.m. at the Bartlett City Hall Annex on Stage Road. The cost of the workshop is \$35 per person or \$50 per couple, with a complimentary lunch provided by City of Lakeland. Germantown will hold a similar program in March partnering with Collierville.

**David Thorpe – Air Quality:**

Mr. Thorpe reported that the EPA now requires states to issue permits for CO2. Texas has declined to issue these permits so they will be federally issued. The EPA has disapproved of flexible permits approved by Texas.

**Jimmy Davis – Research:**

Dr. Davis reported on Hexavalent Chromium 6 in drinking water. 89% of cities tested showed this chemical was above cancer causing levels

**\*\*Mr. Lawton arrived at the meeting at this time and spoke about the City's Code of Ethics, Open Meetings in Tennessee and Germantown Vision 2020. Each Commission member was asked to sign an agreement that they would adhere to the City's Ethics policy.**

**Linda Kaplan – Think Green:**

Ms. Kaplan mentioned that on Talk Radio station AM990, there is a variety hour from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. that discusses energy savings.

Ms. Kaplan also gave information on a local business called “Get Green Recycling”. This company picks up business recycling on an as needed basis.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Foster assigned Ms. Fulbright-Dent to Water Conservation.

Mr. Foster announced that Amnesty Day will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup> and September 17<sup>th</sup> this year.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Commission adjourned at 7:30 p.m.