

MEETING MINUTES - Tuesday, May 21, 2019 @ 5:30pm

COLUMBIA ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room

Members Present: Bryan Tarbell, Carol Coley, Andrea Drabicki

Members of the Public Present:

Members Absent: Carole Williamson

Guests:

1. Call To Order: 5:31 PM
2. Approval of Minutes (Apr 16, 2019):
 - 2.1. C. Coley motions to approve the meeting minutes, B. Tarbell seconds the motion.
Approved unanimous 3:0.
3. Old Business:
 - 3.1. Sustainable Columbia - general update
 - 3.1.1. The May 22 Committee & Board Chair Kickoff Meeting for Sustainable CT will take place tomorrow, Wednesday. Speakers including Lynn Stoddard, Executive Director, Sustainable CT, Institute for Sustainable Energy, ECSU, and Kait Hershey, Hebron, Green Team
 - 3.2. Earth Day, April 27, Movie at Beckish Senior Ctr.
 - 3.2.1. Several residents attended event, however, more participation was hoped for. April is a busy time of the year. There were several other events going on around the Columbia during the same weekend. If at Beckish Senior Center next year place signage out front.
 - 3.3. Save the Bees Pollinator Event - Date (June 8th, 2-5 P.M.)

- 3.3.1. Event invitation created and shared on Facebook through Everything Columbia & Columbia Gardening Group.
- 3.3.2. Looking for volunteers - to assist in setup and breakdown
- 3.3.3. Mackey's, bee keeper, book store, Norwex, vendors are all coming
- 3.4. Mini Mud Run /Bike Rodeo (June 2, 1:00pm) with St. Francis Hospital
 - 3.4.1. A bike mechanic from Pedal Power will be volunteering their time.
 - 3.4.2. St. Francis Hospital is ready to host the bike rodeo and give out bike safety equipment.
 - 3.4.3. Andrea to follow with Amy Watkins from Watchforme.org and connect Bryan
- 3.5. Member recruitment ideas -
 - 3.5.1. EAC will leverage certain Action Items from Sustainable CT to leverage membership.
- 3.6. Electrify America Update - this is pretty much a closed item since it seems EA is investing monies in other areas besides EV charging stations in Columbia and or surrounding communities. Will follow up on this item if EA return messages and comments on our application filed.
- 4. New Business:
 - 4.1. Sustainable Columbia Initiatives
 - 4.1.1. EAC works on Action Item 7.7 - Composting & Plastic Film Recycling Challenge
 - 4.1.2. EAC works on Action Item 5.1 - Implement Complete Streets (striping of a walking/bike path on Lake Road to Hennequin.
- 5. Adjournment: Andrea D. makes motion to adjourn at 627, Carole C. seconds.