

PVERC AGENDA

September 26, 2012

Call to order and minutes

SPEAKER RE:RECYLABLES AT FRANKLIN PARK

Committee Reports

Earth Fair – report on September 20 meeting

Community Gardens - Tom or Nicolas

Forum - Last minute items and volunteer check

Old Business

Balloting on next year's committees and members

New Business

Date of November/December meeting

Start thinking about next year's steering committee members

Next month's speaker: Mary English, updating us on energy audits, rebates etc.

Possible programs on climate change from Penny Mahon and Mary English

Adjourn

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 24, 2012

PRAIRIE VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLE COMMITTEE

Minutes, August 22, 2012

After the committee finished stamping post cards for the Forum, Anne-Marie Hedge, for the steering committee, called the meeting to order at 7:22 p.m. Attending were Anne-Marie, Karin McAdams, Dennis Enslinger, Thomas O'Brien, Kathy Riordan, Ashley Weaver, Nicholas Garcia, Sarah Garcia, Shannon Tuttle, Margaret Goldstein, Ruth Hopkins, Deborah English, Al Pugsley and Mary English, a supporting member.

The minutes from July were approved as written.

Reports and business

- **Earth Fair –**

- Members approved the theme: It Takes a Village....Turning to One Another.
- Another committee meeting will be called for the purpose of discussing a director for next year. Members present emphatically supported hiring a director again this year.
- Al has attempted to contact homes associations regarding their participation in Earth Fair, with little response. Dennis and Ruth suggested that they call a meeting of homes association's presidents, at which Al and Karin would be willing to present our idea.
- An idea – Northeast Johnson County Sustainability Coalition is interested in projects; perhaps they would be interested in cosponsoring or helping with the Earth Fair.

- **Community Gardens**

- As an Eagle Scout project, Daniel Olson will probably work on expanding the garden, perhaps adding raised beds. Some other scouts may join him in this effort.
- Removing the tree near the garden is still an issue. The garden is willing to plant other trees, and limbs from the cut-down elm tree could well be used to grow mushrooms.
- Community garden people have been requesting lowered fees for returning gardeners. For many reasons, PVERC instead recommends keeping fees the same and offering first choice of garden plots to returnees.

- **Community Forum:**

- The cards are addressed and ready for the mail.
- A save-the-date announcement is ready to go out via email. It is now possible to pay online with the registration.
- A volunteer sign-up sheet will be passed around at the September meeting. Shannon will speak with high school volunteers about passing hors d'oeuvres.
- Margaret Goldstein is coordinating the food, and she and Nicholas are soliciting door prizes.
- Karin will contact Hen House about donating cheese and apples.

- **Other business:** What committees should we carry on from the past, and which ones would we like to add? Continuing discussion:

- The composing/education committee has elicited a lot of interest.
 - When Johnson County sold composting bins to the public, they sold out immediately; there is a need.
 - There are a lot of resources available for educational programs.

- Recycling bins in the parks are still needed and feel like a high priority.
- At the September meeting we will be able to mark ballots to show interest and commitment for committees.
- Overland Park and Prairie Village are sharing responsibility for an e-recycling extravaganza on October 18. We'll have a chance to sign up to help at the September meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10

The next meeting will be held on September 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin McAdams