

PRAIRIE VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE

February 27th Meeting Agenda:

- Call to Order (Pete)

- Approve January Meeting Minutes (Pete)
- Review Agenda, Add New Business Items (Pete)

- Committee Reports (Various)
 - Earth Fair
 - Community Gardens
 - Village Fest
 - Community Forum

- Old Business (Pete/Various)
 - 2013 Subcommittees
 - 2013 Meeting Topics

- New Business (Various)
 - 2014 Budget
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- Adjourn (Pete)

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Minutes, January 23, 2013

A presentation by MARC (Mid-America Regional Council) on the Smart Lights for Smart Cities program, open to the public, was held before our meeting began. This was useful information for our committee, considering the energy savings involved in using LED streetlights. Pete Jarchow, for the steering committee, then called the meeting to order at about 7:45 p.m. Attending were Pete, Anne-Marie Hedge, Karin McAdams, Dennis Enslinger, Thomas O'Brien, Ashley Weaver, Nicholas Garcia, Sarah Garcia, Margaret Goldstein, Deborah English, Penny Mahon, Polly Swafford and Ben Claypool, a new member.

The minutes from November were approved as written.

Reports and business

- **Community Gardens**

- Nothing is growing at this time.
- The leadership team has formed and is highly efficient. There are two groups: The Cherokee Christian gardens will not expand this year, and the Harmon garden will expand only slightly.
- There is no news about removing the tree: the Tree Board meets on February 2, and the garden will be on the agenda.

- **Community Forum:** There is nothing to report except the date, which will be October 3.

- **Earth Fair:**

- The biggest news is that the SME library is eagerly preparing their book sale. Book donors can bring their contributions to PVERC meetings, to Margaret Goldstein's house, or to the SME library. To do the latter, call Kathi Knop at 913-993-6617, and she will send a student to pick the books up.
- Dennis asked the committee to create a budget at the next meeting, which will be on Thursday, January 31, at the PV community center.

- **Other business:**

- Dennis updated the group on several issues:
 - There will be a meeting concerning the Mission Valley property on January 24, and a public hearing in March.
 - People are working on proposals for a new community center. The cost would be very high.
 - Work has begun on the Village Shops remodeling.
 - The City Council has approved the right to public protest whenever a Special Use permit is filed. That would include issues like the Mission Valley one.
- Public Works – In light of Bruce McNabb's resignation, it will be difficult to discuss ways to study pre-emergent herbicide use this year. Keith Bredehoeft, the acting director, may be able to attend our next meeting but has little background in this subject.
- Budget
 - This year's budget will be around \$8,000 and probably does not need to be used for e-recycling.

- Committees should submit budgets for the year. Last year the Earth Fair spent about \$3300, including \$1500 for the director. The forum spent \$725, and the food waste program at Normandy Court will be about \$940.
- The Community Gardens should spend the rest of their grant money in 2013, which would leave them needing to be a line item in the PVERC budget in 2014. They will do well to follow closely the city spending cycle.
- Overland Park is doing an e-recycling extravaganza on April 27 and will be needing volunteers.
- Pastor Aaron Roberts from Colonial UCC Church in Prairie Village is leading a tree-planting event on April 14, designed to help those who have lost trees due to drought. He would like advice about who would benefit most from it. It was suggested that they give away trees at Village Fest. Perhaps there could be a talk about tree care, especially in drought conditions.
- Ben's daughter's Girl Scout troop is interested in an earth-related project. Trash pick-up in a park might be effective and safe, and it would be especially educational if they displayed what they picked up at a table at the Earth Fair. Perhaps they could show which of those items were recyclable.
- Free mulch will be available on April 6 at Santa Fe Park, by the water tower.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40

The next meeting will be held on February 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin McAdams