

PRAIRIE VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT & RECYCLING COMMITTEE MEETING

March 27th Meeting Agenda:

- Call to Order (Pete)
- Approve January Meeting Minutes (Pete)
- Review Agenda, Add New Business Items (Pete)
- **Guest Speaker: Julie Coon, Environmental Compliance Manager,
Johnson County Government**
- Committee Reports (Various)
 - Earth Fair
 - Community Gardens
 - Village Fest
 - Community Forum
 - Education
- Old Business (Pete/Various)
 - 2013 Budget
 - 2014 Budget
- New Business (Various)
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- Adjourn (Pete)

PRAIRIE VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLE COMMITTEE

Minutes, February 27

Pete Jarchow, for the steering committee, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Attending were Pete, Anne-Marie Hedge, Karin McAdams, Dennis Enslinger, Thomas O'Brien, Margaret Goldstein, Deborah English, Mary English, Polly Swafford, Ben Claypool, Ruth Hopkins, Bob Pierson, and Jared Cole, manager of the Earth Fair.

The minutes from January were approved as written.

Reports and business

- **Community Gardens:** Thomas O'Brien reported.
 - The committee is eager to expand the garden at Harmon, and expects to expand to the east and west as soon as possible.
 - The Tree Board met and decided to keep the elm tree. The gardens may take down some small trees nearby.
 - The Eagle Scout who is planning to help prepare the beds, will be ready to start work before the Parks and Recreation Committee meets next. They are trying to work this out.
- **Earth Fair:** Jared Cole reported.
 - The entertainment is lined up, and vendors are responding well.
 - The biggest challenge is publicity. It's especially important to get our message to Shawnee Mission East students.
 - We should have the posters soon. The highest priority will be to put the up in schools.
 - Jared is using Facebook and Twitter to publicize the fair.
 - We are all urged to collect small glass bottles for the children's bottle-painting activity, and books for the Book Fair. Taking our books to SME library soon is advisable, so they can be organized well in advance of the fair.
- **Community Forum:** Deb English reported.
 - **KNRC** will be participating with us again this year.
 - It was decided to survey past attenders about possible programs.
 - Some program suggestions from the group included xeriscaping, how to enlist the cooperation of homes associations when advocating landscaping with native plants, an update on green building in Greensburg, and how to eat in a way that is healthy, sustainable and cheap.
- **Other business:**
 - **Earth Hour** – We received a notice that at Earth Hour, March 23 from 8:30 – 9:30, we are urged to turn out lights and any other inessential electric devices, in solidarity with others around the world.
 - Margaret Goldstein offered to contact our membership to remind them.
 - A motion was passed to recommend to the City Council that the city participate in Earth Hour in whatever way seems appropriate and inform the public of this action.
 - 2014 budget – There were questions about how to add \$2000 to the budget because the money collected from the Community Garden can't go back to our committee. It

was agreed that each committee needs to give thought to what it might need in the coming year(s),

- o Prairie Village Shops will be conducting an e-recycling event on May 18. This will include clothing and other items as well. The e-recycler is not a certified electronics recycling agency.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35

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

Respectfully submitted,

Karin McAdams