

ESC Meeting Notes October 27, 2014

7 PM – 8:30 AV Community Room

Attending: Merrie Stillpass, Brian Wamsley (Hamilton County), Tom Muething, Pete Duffy, Kathie Kraemer, Susan Rissover

1. Welcome

- a. Meeting notes from Sept. were accepted as sent out

2. Presentation: Brian Wamsley, Senior Planner at Hamilton County Planning and Development

- a. Brian Wamsley, gave a brief presentation on The Green Umbrella Water Action Team's Green Parking Lot Design Initiative. It is an effort to improve the parking codes of local jurisdictions. This presentation demonstrates the various impacts of parking lots thru quantified metrics and research. It presents "model" codes that can reduce these impacts to communities and demonstrates how "greener" parking lots can be built at less capital costs than traditional parking lots.
- b. Brian will make presentation available

3. Updates & Other:

- a. Adopt –
 - o October outing had 5 people working for 1.5 hrs. Can really see difference where trees have been adopted
- b. OSD -- 3/29/15
 - o Excel planning to collect: gently used plates, glasses, utensils, bowls, pots, pans, and cups. All items packed for transporting (boxed, padded, etc.)
 - o Paper shredding –Tom will check to see if AV planning to have large amount. Might factor into costs, timing. Shredding has not been contacted yet.
- c. TCUSA & Growth Award Application – Due 12/5/14
 - o Tom & Merrie assisting Anna with information, review
 - o Kathie compiling Adopt hours/volunteers
- d. Wood Sharing –discussed Colin's proposal paper.
 - o Decided not go forward with it at this time.
- e. Winter lecture – FEBRUARY 2, 2015 (Groundhog Day)
 - o Backyard Habitats/Wildlife –Chuck Grossman contacted Janet Clem , a vet who works with large and small animals and who currently is providing partial coverage at the Cincinnati Animal Medical Center over in Deer Park to speak about other wild and domesticated animals in the area. She comes from a family of large animals vets and her sister is the vet over on Montgomery road in the practice across from Walgreens. (confirmed post-mtg)
 - o Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance presentation – Susan will contact to schedule
- f. Ridge Rd. bushes -- near Section along walking track to replace removed ornamentals
 - o Selected Viburnum (over burning bush) for seasonal interest
 - o Staff should prune according to instructions, allow to naturalize in shape
- g. Website: ESC members need to look at ESC pages and make recommendations to Merrie to review with staff
- h. Signage: it was recommended that temporary signage regulations on corners is not enforced
- i. WeThrive: Environmental Health Pathway –ESC will meet to work on the Change Tool, a public health community assessment this January at a special meeting. Additional information and work sheets will be sent prior to meeting

4. Upcoming:

- Fostering Sustainable Behavior Workshop - November 6, 2014 (contact (513) 772-7645)
- **Next Meeting: January 26, 2015**
- Winter lecture - FEBRUARY 2, 2015 (Groundhog Day)
- OSD - March 29, 2015