**Environmental Forum Meeting Notes**

**Progressive Action for the Common Good**

**January 4, 2021**

Present: Judith Lee, Susan L, Cliff Day, Lori McCollum, PJ S, Tom Benge, Glenda Guster, Sister Kathleen Henneberry, Julie Ross

Meeting Topics include:

* **Draft Climate Resolution City of Davenport** (PJ Slobojan / Judith Lee / Amy Kay) B3 Benchmarking, PACG Environmental supporting organizations (River Action, Nahant Marsh, Scott County Watershed, etc.)

Judith went over the draft with fine-toothed comb, working from large-scale focus (country) to local. Judith believes we should add a 7th Pillar for measuring goals for city. We’ll need to convene another meeting to work on the resolution. Will add, “*making this part of our city culture*.” Nahant and River Action, should be part of the first group outreaches, as they are on the same page and are respected by Davenport Council. But resolution needs more refinement before we reach out. Judith would like us to examine “whereas,” but especially would like feedback on the “be it resolved,” which would fill in what we would like the city to do for us/the environment. We will we meet again sometime this January and then can give resolution revisions back to Judith, who would like to get this passed with AT LEAST 2/3 council approval.

* **Monthly ‘Take Action’ Calendar (**attached for discussion**)** (Lori McCollum) Copied below. Env. Forum could tag on with speakers, FB posts, Green Drinks, etc. Consensus thought was a good idea. Please read list and give Lori feedback, ideas, suggestions. Green Drinks currently booked through May, but still have room for more speakers.
* **Earth Month Planning** ‘Engaging children and families in nature / environmental activities’ April Zoom Event Concept: Zoom speaker similar to Don Addu. Because of lockdown possibility and because of spring flooding, in-person event at Farmer’s Market might be unrealistic. Tabling event could be moved to June or July. Might be nice way to get young people inspired to be outside with nature. Ask Shifra, Dave Murcia at Wapsi, Amy Lovig at Nahant. Dennis at Ambrose, Living Lands and Waters.
* **Quad Cities Environmental Justice Issues and Opportunities**  (LiveLeadFreeQC.org) Susan Leuthauser   Susan discussed with them. They do mitigation on lead paint (encapsulation) rather than removal. Currently contracting on 10 different homes in Davenport. NO discussion yet on lead in water system.

Glenda would like to get more involved in this. Glenda reports that NAACP has environmental group going. Will initially focus on healthy eating. Would like to hand out tomato plants. Are there master gardeners that could help with potted gardening? Master Gardeners? Illinois and Iowa Extensions? Food Forest? HyVee, Walmart, Lowe’s, John Deere may be willing to donate. Glenda is working on a donation letter. St. Mary’s Church property bought by Humility Housing will have community gardens.

* **QC Plastics Free / Straw Free is now a sub-group of the Earth Coalition (**looking forvolunteers to serve)    Joel (plastic)/ Dawn (straw) are leading. Who would like to get involved? PJ, Susan, Glenda, are interested. Lori will share contact information.

Green Drinks tomorrow night!

Adjourned 7:35 pm

**Monthly Topics for the Environmental Forum, 2021**

**January:** 1/5 National Bird Day.

**February:** 2/2 World Wetlands Day

**March:** 3/18 Global Recycling Day or 3/22 World Water Day

**April:** 4/10 Arbor Day and 4/22 Earth Day

**May:** 5/21 Endangered Species Day, or 5/22 International Day for Biological Diversity

**June:** 6/5 National Trails Day or 6/8 World Oceans Day, or 6/22 World Rainforest Day

**July:** 7/11 World Population Day or Plastic-Free Month

**August**: 8/22 National Honey Bee Day

**September:** 9/21 World Clean-up Day/Zero Emissions Day or 9/26 World Rivers Day

**October:** 10/1 World Vegetarian Day or

10/16 World Food Day or

10/24 International Day of Climate Action

**November**: 11/ 15 America Recycles Day

**December:** 12/4 Wildlife Conservation Day or 12/5 World Soil Day.

*Notes taken by Julie Ross*