

## PACG Environmental Forum Meeting Notes

2/1/21

6:30 pm

Present: Susan Leuthehauser, Judith Lee, Lori McCollum, Shirley Johnson, Cliff Day, Diane Trix, PJ Slobojan, Thomas Benge, Sister Kathleen Henneberry, Julie Ross

**Davenport City Proclamation** work: Judith working on whereas-es, to coordinate with Biden Administration goals. And will be editing some more to coordinate with Davenport City Policy. Judith interested in getting city cars—police cars—hybrids Ford Interceptor (built to be a squad car—has armored sides, etc.) is a likely model. Judith believes this is the model car Moline police is using. We need to get info on safety and repair information. Also, who locally can repair. Other city issues discussed: clean up of superfund sites; bike paths; Goose Creek. Susan will contact Moline Mayor Stephanie Acri and ask her for info on the hybrid cars they use.

### Monthly Topics for Environmental Forum.

February World Wetlands Day, article written by Sister Kathleen. March will be World Waters Day. Does anyone else want to write a description? List was attached to the Zoom invite for this month. Shirley will send Sister Kathleen's example as a template and will send list out every month. Article should include information AND actions.

**Earth Day Planning:** Lori has been working on a speaker. Kids and Nature and Mental Health and the Outdoors—other organizations have already covered. Covid and the environment? Anybody have speaker or topic suggestions? Maybe Dr. Cheryl True might be a possibility. Lori will contact her. Matt Russell is a good speaker—has a variety of topics. Lori also has a contact from professor at University of Illinois. We could pay, or they might do it gratis, if they are affiliated with a university.

**Quad Cities Environmental Justice.** Susan again met with Live Lead-Free. Due to lack of contractors, they've kept a low-profile. Working mostly with downtown Davenport, due to age of homes. Susan has invited them to talk at June Green Drinks. Have not yet addressed lead-contaminated drinking water.

PJ and Glenda working on Plastics-Free and Straw-Free QC. No update. Community Foundation has new director, who has an environmental background. This might be a good source for grants.

### Useful info:

Next Health Care Reform Forum meeting will Wednesday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm. For link, email Julie [pacgoffice@gmail.com](mailto:pacgoffice@gmail.com).

Tom is making 400 desks for children to do schoolwork at home.

Legislative Forums are a good way to gain info. Next

Susan reports that there will be a Thursday: Webinar on Water Quality in Iowa at 7 pm. Susan will send out info.

**Green Drinks tomorrow at 5 pm.** Kate York from Citizens Utility board will be talking about solar energy.

Notes taken by Julie Ross.