

PACG Environmental Forum Meeting Notes
3/1/21 6:30 pm

Present: Judith Lee, Susan Leuthauser, Tom Benge, Lori McCollum, PJ Slobojan, Shirley Johnson, Sue Normoyle, Glenda Guster, Sister Kathleen Henneberry, Julie Ross

Meeting Topics include:

1. **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 says she has had positive feedback from other council members. She would like to add to Committee of the Whole meeting and hopefully could be added to consent agenda. Next Committee of Whole meetings will be 3/3, 3/17, 4/7. Because PACG wants to distribute Earth Day info on 4/1, it would be nice to go to 3/17. Shirley suggested we get article on this resolution in QCT, and then bring this to other cities. Consensus is that we aim for 3/17 and it would be on council agenda on 3/24. PACG could ask other environmental and social justice (i.e. Nahant, UUCQC, Sierra Club, Humility of Mary, QC Earth Coalition, NAACP) groups to attend and/or send letters/statements of support. Resolution needs to be presented on 17th. Judith got Maria Dickman to second during the course of the meeting! Letters of support should be sent to attention of Mayor Matson. Judith will forward unsigned version or resolution.
2. **Earth Month April/May Zoom Events *Earth Month Draft Flyer (attached)***/ Environmental Tabling Saturday May 22 at Farmers Market Lots of activities have been lined up for April and May. Draft of flyer was presented and discussed. If others find out about other Earth Day activities, send to Shirley and Lori or PACGOffice@gmail.com
3. **Monthly 'Take Action' Calendar (attached for discussion)** April needs a flyer for Earth Day and Arbor Day. Julie will design. Could be Arbor Day and benefits environment. DUE BY MARCH 15th. "Restore Our Earth" is this year's theme. Susan has written to ask permission if we can use images.
4. **Environmental Forum webpage updates (work in progress)** <http://www.pacgqc.org/environmental-forum.html> When people have a chance, could they please check out the page and make suggestions. Ask Editorial Team about changing pictures. Tomorrow is Green Drinks and will discuss about urban green-scaping.

Interfaith Power and Light asking for postcards to Vilsack to support land management that help control climate change. Glenda heard several excellent speakers at IPL Rally. This can be posted on FB and shared when we screen movie. Glenda will send to the Sisters and to Lori. Can also go in WEU Susan will connect with Glenda.

Susan shared that we need to contact our US Reps re: returning land next to Grand Canyon to be public land that cannot be mined. A vote is scheduled for Friday. Info can be found on PACG Environmental Forum FB page

What about banning straws. Dubuque Aquarium had some nice actions a few years ago—not using straws in museum and encouraging school kids to approach restaurants and ask them to not use straws. We should try to replicate here.

Next meeting: Monday, April 5th at 6:30 pm

Notes taken by Julie Ross