

Environmental Forum Meeting
10/5/20
6:30 pm, via Zoom

Present: Shirley, Lori, Susan, Julie, PJ, Tom Benge, Glenda

Green Drinks tomorrow night with Sarah Gardner. Link to register sent in Sunday email

Farmer's Market voter booth has been fruitful. Got lots of folks interested in voting and signing up for Green Drinks. 250 people on Green Drinks distribution list. Shirley has been a real champ at keeping this going. One woman (a new retiree) who worked with homeless community Nora Abraham seems especially promising for civil rights. Shirley can send her an email and will copy Alta and Margie. Will also copy Deb Sperry and health care forum. Find intersecting issues.

We should consider inviting Civil Rights and Health Care forums to next Environmental Forum meeting. Maybe invite Pat Peacock and Leslie Kilgannon? Housing issue might be a good cross-issue.

We could also get a recycling competition similar to Hunger Drive, an idea Deb Heideman, Manager of Sustainability for Davenport Schools, is interested in. We need to develop a proposal and then present to schools to see if they are interested. We need to make sure Scott County Waste Commission to be sure if they are onboard. We'll need a subcommittee. Lori is interested in working on. Joel from Zoo might be interested.

Maybe athletic shoe recycling? Nike, etc. has program that created new shoes from old. Or terracycling? We should have a brain-storming meeting. We should involve school districts in planning.

Lori will set up a Zoom with Deb and will invite us.

Susan will invite Civil Rights and Health Care Forum to our next meeting.

Susan has recording of Don Addu that Susan has recorded and can make available.

Informed Voter Town Hall has been cancelled due to inability to connect with candidates. We might have better luck with local candidates vs. federal.

PJ has been working with Judith Lee. Met 2 weeks ago and discussed meeting with Deb Heideman. Interested in working evaluating building efficiency. B3. How to implement best program with the city? Judith is attempting 1:1 meetings with various council members to find out who's onboard with environmental issues. December might be a good meeting time, because budgets are set in January. Also interested in Sustainability Proclamation for City of Davenport. PJ is researching which cities have such proclamations (Cedar Rapids, IA City, Denver, and some college out east). We should look at theirs and pick components we want for our proclamation. PJ would like some assistance gathering this information. Will give us idea as to Proclamation construction (content, length, format, etc.).

Lori and Susan are willing to look at PJ's gathered proclamations.

Future speakers for 2021 Green Drinks--might be nice to engage with Silvis, which has solar power funding. Caryn Unsicker is an alderman. Wapsi, Nahant, Citizens' Utility Board (CUB), maybe a state rep from either state (Mike Halpin? Cindy Winkler?), CCI. Shirley has already engaged with CUB for Green Drinks.

Notes taken by Julie Ross