

Environmental Forum Meeting

12/7/20

6:30 pm

Present: Diane Trix, Glenda Guster, Judith Lee, Shirley Johnson, Thomas Benge, Sister Kathleen Henneberry, Susan Leuthauser, Lori McCollum, PJ Slobojan, Alta Price, Deb Sperry, Julie Ross

PJ: Climate resolution final draft was circulated via email. It was decided the resolution would be submitted by city/Alderpeople, which would give it more visibility and broader support. Judith Lee and Amy are spearheading. PJ is also researching more data for the resolution, to see if this also is cost-saving. Judith has discussed with city attorney. Question: How detailed do we want this to be? Mayor thinks it's a great idea. Mayor is thinking about how to best garner council member support. Several prominent city buildings are being considered for upgraded, HVAC systems. Judith thinks "cost savings" will be a great sell. There is not much data on greenhouse gas emission, cost/savings. Judith advises waiting until February: 1) it will have time to mature and get accustomed to 2) City Staff can adjust 3) President-elect Biden may prioritize and promote environmental responsibility. Judith would like broad support for this resolution. Would help to have partnering environmental agencies also support (i.e.: Nahant, River Action....). PACG will work on how to contact these agencies. PJ's subcommittee will work on getting info from current existing organizations/city to model after. They will aim to keep in contact with Amy, throughout the process. Judith will also keep in touch with Mayor Matson. PJ requested that attendees email her suggestions for potential partnering organizations. Lori will send info for organizations that partnered for Earth Day. Will further discuss at January and February meetings. We will aim for **end** of February to present to council.

Quad City Environmental Justice opportunities. Susan: HUD Funding for lead-based abatement. Illinois utilizes; IA has ceased asking for funding. Susan will join a monthly meeting of health departments/housing/hospitals, etc. (including Lead-Free QC) this Thursday. (7 am). Ed Rivers is a leader

We will further discuss Lead-Free issue in January and February.

Next meeting Monday, January 4th.

Notes taken by Julie Ross