

Environmental Forum Meeting

1/3/22

Present: Susan Leithauser,, Lori McCollum, Shirley, Sue Normoyle, Judith Lee, Thomas Bengé, Deb Mathias, PJ Slobojan, Thomas Bengé, Julie Ross

Shirley shared that NAACP is doing an environmental justice meeting on Thursday. Healthy Eating 2022. At FoMLK Center on 501 Brady St. In-person and on-line.

Clean Energy Jobs Act. QCI hosted a meeting in December. A coalition member spoke. Shirley expressed that there are no job-training sites in our quadrant of the state of Illinois. There is one in Galesburg, but hopefully Black Hawk College can get one.

Judith reported that Davenport City Council will meet with the newly elected council (3 new members). Energy project is targeted for late spring. Hybrid squad cars: Some reliability and replacement part supply issues were brought up. She also said a restored prairie was being installed near Jackson School on Wisconsin Street.

Shirley reported a Zoom Earth Day event being planned. There is an excellent potential speaker with Sierra Club, but he's very busy. Shirley suggested we might invite electric car dealers to Earth Day event, but inventories are pathetically low.

City Reports:

Note: Judith said that it might yield more info for folks to check out city council agendas, in addition to scanning meeting minutes for environmental issues.

Milan: Deb reported nothing happening. No recycling bins are coming back. Next Bins meeting is Saturday, January 15th 9 am at St. John's Lutheran in Rock Island.

Eldridge: No update

Bettendorf: No update

Davenport: Judith provided more info

Riverdale: Has new mayor, and we should try to follow. Information is hard to come by

[Other cities were mentioned, and I neglected to write them down, but I don't believe any actions were discussed.]

Voter Registration. PJ and Susan met with new Scott County Auditor. Susan reported that Auditor Kerri Tomkins seemed willing to work with them. It was recommended that more energy be put into increasing satellite/early-voting for general election, when turnout is higher. Shirley said voter registration information should be provided at Earth Day/Farmer's Market events.

Environmental Forum has created placemats of monthly environmental topics. Let Shirley know, and she will laminate them.

Green Drinks tomorrow.

Julie Will ask Jeannie if she has data on web hits. And Julie will send out mail chimp data.

We have first 6 months of Green Drinks confirmed.

Notes taken by Julie Ross