

**Environmental Forum Meeting NOTES**  
**4/4/22**

Present: Susan Leuthauser, Thomas Bengel, Kay Pence, Lori McCollum, Sue Normoyle, Glenda Guster, Sue Normoyle, PJ Slobojan, Jeff Shelley, Julie Ross.

Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>-City of Bettendorf will issue Earth Day Proclamation. Contact Susan, if you'd like to be added to guest list. Tom Bengel can attend

May 7<sup>th</sup> – need volunteers for check-in table at Farmer's Market. Need a second 8 – 8:30. Most will arrive at 8:30. We have around 25 tables. Need a crew to set up tables. Shirley has table-tents ready. Kay and Glenda can help with set up.

Pj and Shirley and Susan will sit at Environmental Forum/PACG. It would be nice to have one other person for morning shift.

We will need tables from office. Julie will fetch those. PJ has two tables that she can loan us. Round tables are best on the grass.

Friday 4/8 the core team will do a table count. Lunch at noon at Chills restaurant at Freight House (where Fresh Deli used to be). Susan will be there at 12:30.

Lori: Farmer's Market Manager claims that 2-3,000 come to market each Saturday, so maybe 300 make-and-take items per table

City Council Meetings UPDATES:

Moline: Sue Normoyle: Moline is selling water to Silvis. Mayor is having an April "Nationwide Water-Conservation Challenge" (nationwide challenge). Individuals pledge to make changes in habits to conserve water, plastic, etc. We should include in WEU. Information is being gathered so we can share properly. Living Lands and Waters is also involved.

Eldridge: Wilcox reported the city is seeking financing for stream bank maintenance

Milan: Deb Mathias nothing going on

Silvis: Approved funding for new solar panels—both on public buildings.

Bettendorf: Tom reports "Solid waste collection" is now called "solid waste management" This seems to indicate more actions are on the horizon.

Davenport: PJ Earth Day Proclamation on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. There is another proclamation on the 27<sup>th</sup> (pj forgets the details\_) Cleanups will occur: April 30<sup>th</sup>, Nahant Marsh and Duck Creek. Registration can be made LLW.

East Moline: no update

Rock Island: New city manager has been hired. Sustainability Task Force will reach out once the dust settles.

Bring Back the Bins: Lori spoke with Luke V with RI and he indicated that bringing these back was not going to happen. He felt curbside would be beneficial. Perhaps new city manager could be approached about this. May 9<sup>th</sup> there will a study session. Shirley has details.

Question: Does Davenport really recycle the bins on the bike path, etc.? Training and enforcement are lacking. Maybe something to ask Judith at Green Drinks. PJ has been working toward this. Statewide goal 50% recycle by 2023. They have been at 25%. Something to follow.

Glenda: NAACP climate calendar. Working on tomatoes in a pot giveaway. IA Extension is going to donate some growing bags. And Tom with Master Gardeners will be at the event to explain how to plant the tomatoes. NAACP will doorknock to encourage people to come. 5-gallon pot. One tomato plant. They did well last year. Teske's gave a good deal to the NAACP. Will distribute flyers with 5 ways to help the planet. Will come with a magnet to stick on the fridge. Event will be May 14<sup>th</sup> at Lincoln Center in Davenport (8<sup>th</sup> and Iowa St). (Glenda also has teracycle going on at her church.)

April 9<sup>th</sup>. Environmental Forum table will be at Girl Scout event at Waterfront Center in Bettendorf. 12:30 pm – 4 pm.

April 22: St. Ambrose Sustainability Fair 11 am – 2 pm (set up at 10:15)

Last Friday there was jobs and clean energy at MLK Center in RI. Shirley will connect with Quad City Interfaith to follow up.

Judith Lee will be at Green Drinks at 5 pm. Will discuss sustainability in Davenport.

18<sup>th</sup> April Draw Down training is being offered. 5-week training via Zoom. Project Draw Down (pull carbon from the atmosphere) are a variety of methods/strategies. (Sponsored by Iowa UU Witness Advocacy Network and 100 Grannies.) Lori will share info and Julie will post on FB.

April 21-24 will be Climate Justice Summit in Des Moines. Susan has registration info, and plans to go. Glenda also plans to go, but probably not for whole thing.

Thursday night 4/7 at 5 pm, interview with Iowa Interfaith Power and Light at Our Lady of the Prairie. Lori can share this info (\$25, included dinner). Lori plans to go. Info should be in tomorrow's WEU.

*Notes taken by Julie Ross*