

Environmental Forum Notes
8/1/22

Present: Lori McCollum, Susan Leuthauser, Thomas Bengé, Judith Lee, PJ Slobojan, Deb Mathias, Sue Normoyle, Shirley Johnson, Glenda Guster, Julie Ross,

Discussion with Judith re: electric buses. Julie asked about how to go about postponing spring yard waste pick up and enforcing/increasing no-mow zones on City property. She will draft a letter to Judith.

Judith wants to add recycle bins at city-sanctioned events. Is working to get EVENTS to add recycle info/form—i.e. “Explain how you plan to deal with your trash and recycles.” Scott County Waste Commission will do a lot of the grunt work but needs to be city enforcement with training and information.

Plastic bottles and cardboard recycling bring revenue stream for cities.

Sue Normoyle: \$80,000 in Moline budget for city recycling drop off. Thus far, no vendors have expressed an interest. Will be brought up again. Will see if partnership with multi-family housing might be possible.

No recycling in new apartment construction in downtown Davenport. Millennium Waste gave Lori a free recycling dumpster.

City Roundup

Bettendorf: Tom B reported not much re: environmental. Rainwater in apts on Kimberly and at Life Fitness.

[Bettendorf and River Action are going to consult on how to reduce flooding, lower insurance costs]

Milan: Nothing much

Silvis: No update

North Scott: Mike Wilcox wrote excellent LTE to North Scott Press re: restricting solar panels on high-quality farmland. Clinton County has no stipulation. Scott County is forbidding it.

Bring Back the Bins: Phil Dennis has been keeping tabs on. May need someone to attend the meetings. Lori Mc may be able and willing to do.

Sue recommends reading QCTs article re: replacing trees after derecho.

Solar panel meeting tomorrow at 5:30 pm, same time as Green Drinks. Maybe Mike Wilcox could attend?

Shirley is writing a short draft on how to get involved with PACG.

We need to keep tabs on carbon capture pipelines. Susan has ordered more flyers.

September meeting falls on Labor Day, Sept 5. Meet on Sept 6th before Green Drinks. PACG at 5:00 on Sept 6th before Green Drinks. Joel will start his Green Drinks at 5:15. Shirley will communicate with Joel about the schedule adjustment. With impending election, we should

have questions formulated for likely Candidate Forum to be coordinated with NAACP, etc. Details need to be gathered. Susan L may have minutes containing questions from last election cycle.

Upper Mississippi River Conference from River Action has Art Cullen and Ray Wolfe. Registration is open via River Action site. Conference is in Mid-October at Stoney Creek in Moline.

Notes taken by Julie Ross