**Environmental Forum Meeting Notes - June 5, 2023**

**Progressive Action for the Common Good**

The forum met on zoom and participants included: Shirley Johnson, Susan Leuthauser, PJ Slobojan, Lori McCollum, Sue Normoyle, Tom Benge, Amy Davis, Glenda Guster, and Jeff Shelly.

We discussed the upcoming Green Drinks event on 6/6 with Laura Meloy, Americorp Volunteer, as speaker. We will meet for the last time at El Patron, with hopes to switch to another venue for July. The speaker then will be Kelsy Pilser from Zero Waste. Shirley is exploring Huckleberrys, but another option might be a restaurant in The Current Hotel in Davenport, which has n adjacent room which is free to groups.

We also discussed Plastic Free July, which QCEC is working on for July 8th for an event at the Niabi Zoo. Joel Vanderbush is planning a meeting soon.

Susan found a vendor for plastic supplies that have no toxic chemicals, and hopes to get local schools to consider purchasing them, as they are Green Screen Certified.

We reviewed the Earth Day Fair, which was successful again this year with 23 tablers and 5 musical groups. Next year we would like to use the original banner that the Farmers Market purchased, as well has having a map of our location posted in various locations to direct more traffic up to the decking/lawn.

The NAACP Env Group is hosting a Junteenth event on 6/17 at the Lincoln Center from 11-6 and we will host a table. Lori volunteered, along with someone else (?).

Iowa CCI had a Carbon Capture Pipeline protest on May 31st in Des Moines and encouraged participation. If they have upcoming events, we will let our group know.

CCL is working with Iowa federal representatives and state reps on carbon credits and healthy forests. They are trying to improve the tree canopy in Rock Island and Davenport. We referred Jeff to Dan from Living Lands and Waters, as they have hundreds of trees to give away.

We reviewed community information from our contacts in local communities. No pending environmental issues were noted, other than the possible opening of a recycling center in Moline, which would take drop off recycling from Rock Island County residents.

*Respectfully submitted: Lori McCollum / edited by Jeannie Price*