

Sustainable Stillwater Minutes January 23, 2006 Meeting

Present: Cara Beer, Ilda Hershey, Michael Holmes, Sarah Kimball, Lu Kindblade, Karen Melcher, Doug Sanders, Nelda Sanders, Jane Talkington.

Video – “Creating Communities That Work” was shown. Short video highlights communities and cities that successfully have employed sustainable development practices. Cara has donated the video to SustSTW. Please let Ilda know if you’d like to borrow.

Upcoming Events/Activities

- “The Future of Food,” Thursday, January 27 (editor’s note: If you missed this excellent documentary and would like to show it to your own group, please let Ilda know).
- Allied Recycling Tour, Saturday, February 11, 1-3pm. Meet at 2417 Marine Road, Stillwater. From there we will go to the recycling material sorting operation and then to the landfill. If you cannot attend, but have a question for Allied, please send to recyclingcoalition@hotmail.com.
- Storm Drain Marking: We will resume this activity again after the City purchases more markers and the weather warms up a bit.
- Water Resource Event/Activity: The League of Women Voters is considering presenting a water film festival or water hands-on learning activity in honor of Helen Gorin.
- Rainwater Harvesting: Tom and Nancy Stevens have completed the guttering on their building and soon will be adding a catchment tank. A tour of their system will be scheduled for spring.

Head Start Community Garden – Many collaborators have joined to make this happen. Land at the school already has been tilled. Three, two-hour workshops are scheduled for hands-on training of Head Start teachers, parents, and volunteers. Workshop activities include building a compost bin, mapping out the garden, planting cool weather crops, garden maintenance, weeding, and planting warm weather crops. The dates are March 25, April 29, and May 2, 10am-12 noon. To participate in the workshops, you need to be a project volunteer. Contact Jo Heiliger, Elizjoh@aol.com, if you’d like to volunteer, provide services, in-kind contributions (such as garden tools, finished compost) and/or donations.

Stillwater Trails Task Force – Michael Holmes reported that they have a grant from the National Park Service for a consultant to help the group. They have a draft of the master plan and will hold a public meeting for citizen input on Wednesday, February 22 (time/place t.b.d.).

Stillwater Commercial Redevelopment Plan – Go to www.stillwater.org for a summary of the plan (select “Commercial Redevelopment Plan” on the home page). The City will consider the plan Monday, January 30, 6:30 pm in the Hall Chambers, City Hall, 723 South Lewis.

Stillwater Transportation Enhancement Plan – Go to www.stillwater.org for a PowerPoint presentation of the study (select “Stillwater Transportation Enhancement Study Public Meeting No. 1 January 19, 2006” on the home page). This meeting was designed for public input. Additional input must be submitted by February 9. To provide input, go to the Stillwater website home pages and download these two documents: “Stillwater Transportation Enhancement Plan, Questionnaire” and “Stillwater Transportation Enhancement Plan, Comment Form.” Complete forms and return to the City’s consultant, Mr. Karl Stickle, C.H., Guernsey & Company, 5555 N. Grand Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73112 or fax to 405-416-8114.

New/Miscellaneous Business

- STW Beautification Council will have a table at the STW Home & Garden Show. Sarah suggested we supply educational hand-outs for the display.
- Sarah suggested we invite a representative from the Oklahoma Land Legacy to speak at one of our meetings about conservation trusts/easements.
- Jane will represent SustSTW at the February 7 Evening Kiwanis meeting and will talk about, "New Urbanism Neighborhoods."
- Jane has a grant to build a green home. She needs a lot within Stillwater upon which to build. Please contact her: greenqueen@hotmail.com.
- Lion's Club has available dates for presentations on Thursdays, 12-1 pm. Talk to Jane about promoting PAYT to the group, which includes City Commissioners.
- The Airport Road recycling drop-off facility is available for a group to look after in our joint Adopt-A-Site program with the City. Ask Ilda for an application and guidelines.
- Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) feasibility: Ilda will check with Dr. Tracy Boyer regarding OSU master's student who was doing the research.
- Articles were submitted to the NewsPress in November regarding the energy benefits of recycling and in December regarding cardboard box recycling. Unfortunately, they were not published. They'll be resubmitted and/or provided to another news outlet.

Announcements

- City of Stillwater electronics recycling event will be Saturday, April 29 (more info t.b.a.)
- Illegal Dumping Seminar, Thursday, February 9, 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm in Spencer, OK. Go here for more information: <http://agecon.okstate.edu/waste/>
- Solid Waste Assn of North America, Oklahoma symposium, Wed/Thursday, March 22-23 at the Cherokee Casino Resort in Owasso. More information: <http://agecon.okstate.edu/waste/>

Treasurer's Report - \$213 in bank account. E-mail was sent about \$10 annual (optional) dues.

Next SustSTW Meeting – The next business meeting will take place on a Monday evening in April (date and location to be advised).