

Sustainable Stillwater

April 3, 2007 Business Meeting Notes

In attendance: Cheryl Baker (Cool Cities Co-chair), Jo Heiliger, Ilda Hershey (acting Chair), Sharla Lovern (Website/Listserv), Rachel Mackey (Secretary & Cool Cities Co-chair), Doug Sander, Nelda Sander, Olu Togun (Treasurer), Jennifer Tressler (Recycling Chair).

Recent Activities:

Community Garden

- We are closing the Head Start garden Tuesday, April 10, 6:00 p.m. (editor's note: closure moved to rain date, April 17).
- Remove compost and return tools. Move the pallets to the OSU Student Garden.
- Collaborate this year to plan the 2008 community garden at the new hospice location.

Recycling

- The Stillwater Recycling Guide was updated in February, see website for latest version.
- Ag Extension is having a new recycling display board made for Sustainable Stillwater.

Finance

- Credit Union balance is about \$250. Account name will be changed to Sustainable Stillwater soon and we will use OSN's EIN number on the account.
- Optional dues are \$10 (required for voting members).
- Make dues checks payable to the Stillwater Recycling Coalition for the time being.
- Make donation checks payable to the Oklahoma Sustainability Network if tax deduction is desired (funds will be forwarded to Sustainable Stillwater).
- Ilda will research viability of using a PO box for checks, Credit Union statements, etc.

Future Activities:

Recycling Tour- 4/07/07 at 10:00 a.m., Allied Waste Recycling Facility

- Come with questions; contamination level has been 35% during last two months.
- We may recommend dropping collection of 3-7 plastics due to lack of market.
- Be sure to report contamination if seen and foster community awareness.
- Encourage City to adopt automated trash pick-up and manned recycling drop-off sites.
- Write letters to the editor, send emails, etc. regarding proper preparation of materials

Trash-Off- 4/14/07 meet at the Moose Lodge at 9:00 a.m.

- Groups will be assigned locations around City to clean-up.
- After lunch there will be a Sustainable Stillwater/Step It Up table with materials.

Step It Up 2007- 4/14/07, see www.stepitup2007.org for details and to sign up for an event.

- Moose Lodge 9:00 a.m. as a participating litter clean-up group.
- Strickland Park 1:30-4:30 p.m. display table, speakers and music.
- Lake McMurry "You Can't Run From Global Warming" 25-50K.
- Volunteers needed for the tables at all events, contact Cheryl Baker.

OSN Annual Conference- 4/20-21/07 in Norman

- Sign up early for discounted rates, by Friday April 6.
- To carpool from Stillwater, e-mail ildahershey@hotmail.com

Farmers Market Festival- 5/19/07 8:00 a.m. - Noon, Sustainable Stillwater display table.

Green Drinks/Coffee Chats- Check email for future dates.

- Green Drinks attracted 20 participants January 23 at Mexico Joe's and six on March 27 at Aggie's Big House.
- Try Green Coffee Chats as well. Saturdays 9-10 a.m. at Third Place Coffee may be good time/location

Nature Day- October (date t.b.d)

- Sustainable Stillwater plans to exhibit at this event.
- Event is hosted by the Payne County Audubon Society.

Plans:

- Storm Drain Marking – Continue collaborating with City to mark drains and/or train groups to mark, as needed.
- Recycling Education and Outreach – Continue to relay Adopt-a-Site feedback to Allied and City, send letters to the editor, talk to neighbors, distribute Recycling Guides, etc.
- Cool Cities Campaign - Postcards sent to all local Sierra Club members. Letter and packet has been sent to Mayor and copied to City Council Members. Cheryl and Rachel will follow-up and may need volunteers to help with campaign.
- Sustainable Stillwater By-laws – Draft of revised by-laws was distributed and will be posted to the website. Please send comments to Ilda by April 30.
- Next business meeting tentatively set for Tuesday, June 12, 7-9 p.m. at the Stillwater Public Library.

Other Business:

- Oklahoma wild flowers may be threatened by Centennial Committee in attempt to “clean up” roadsides. Call senators and representatives to discourage this action.
- Yale water shortage in the news, watch for more information, contact Jo for further discussion, elizjoh@aol.com.
- April 28, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Electronic Waste Collection Event, downtown, 9th & Lowry, hosted by the City of Stillwater. Bring proof of residency. Okay to bring your neighbors materials with you.