

## **Sustainable Stillwater Minutes August 7, 2006 Meeting**

**Present:** Randi Eldevik, Ilda Hershey, Helen Jordan, Ashley Munger, Josh Munger, Alice Richardson, Jane Talkington

**Recap of Spring/Summer Events** – Discussed event and activity participation/outcomes:

- *February Allied Recycling Tour.*
- *March* film and panel “The Next Industrial Revolution.”
- *March & April* litter clean-ups.
- *May* displays at Farmer’s Market and El Sueno open house.
- *June* Oklahoma Land Legacy presentation.
- *Feb-August* Head Start Community Garden.

### **Proposed Fall Calendar**

- Friday, September 15, Oklahoma Sustainability Network’s 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, “Smart Growth: Building a Sustainable Community,” 8am-5pm, Tulsa Convention Center. . (Volunteer carpool drivers needed from Stillwater). For press release, conference agenda, registration, etc. visit: [www.oksustainability.org/conferences.php](http://www.oksustainability.org/conferences.php). Please promote at every opportunity.
- Thursday, September 28, tentative date for public presentation of Dr. Tracy Boyer’s research on Stillwater waste management options (time/location t.b.d.).
- Sunday, October 8, Audubon Society Nature Day, 11:30am-4pm, Sanborn Lake, volunteers needed for SustSTW materials and activity exhibit.
- Saturday, October, Stillwater Farmer’s Market Fall Festival, 8am-1pm, (date t.b.d), volunteers needed for SustSTW materials and activity exhibit.
- October (date/location t.b.d.) possible public transportation panel or meeting to explore expansion of Stillwater’s bus routes (in conjunction with PIC’s Social Justice Subcommittee and former Neighborhood Alliance members).
- November (date t.b.d.) possible tour of Stillwater’s wastewater treatment plant.
- Fall (date t.b.d.) storm drain marking in conjunction with ECO-OSU.
- December holiday “Slow Food” potluck social.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

- **Recycling Committee:** Volunteers are needed to track Stillwater recycling rates and explore Pay-As-You-Throw waste management options. Josh noted that the white segregated containers at the drop-off sites need more room for tin/steel cans (Ilda will inform Allied). Jane can arrange for presentations to be given to Lion’s Club members.
- **Cool Cities Committee:** This is a campaign to persuade local leaders to commit to move forward with innovative energy solutions that cut our dependence on oil, benefit public health, and save taxpayer dollars. There is a City campaign as well as a campus campaign. Ilda will send the toolkit to Jane Talkington and ECO-OSU. Volunteers are needed to carry out the action steps of these grass roots campaigns. The toolkits provide step-by-step guidance.
- **Public Transportation Committee:** Volunteers are needed to work in collaboration with PIC on enhancing public transportation service in Stillwater and exploring funding sources.

**Finance Report** – There is \$275 in the SustSTW account. Dues were collected today from Helen. A reminder e-mail about dues will be sent to the listserv.

**Officer Elections** – No nominations were made prior to or during the meeting. Ilda will continue to serve as acting chair; however, volunteers are encouraged to apply for President, VP/Treasurer, and Secretary. As these positions have not been filled since vacated last year, any dues paying member may step up to take a position, according to our bylaws.

### **General Business/Announcements**

- The ECO Film Project will show films in the OSU Noble Research Center Thursday evenings, August 31, September 21, October 19, and November 16. SustSTW will help promote the films to the Stillwater community.
- Stillwater Trails Task Force update (post meeting comments: The Task Force is working on final report of recommendations to the City including proposal of conceptual areas for routes, phases for route implementation, economic, environmental and health benefits, and funding issues.) Trail Master Plan Task Force committee agendas can be found at [www.stillwater.org](http://www.stillwater.org).
- Jane is conducting research for OSU President Schmidly regarding sustainability in higher education.
- Video loans: Loaned EPA PAYT video to Josh & Ashley; loaned Global Warming (Tom Brokaw) video to Jane.

**Next SustSTW Meeting** – The next business meeting will be scheduled for November or early December.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

*Showed video, “Addicted to Oil: Thomas Friedman reporting.”*