

ERCFC
Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2009
Community Arts Center

Members: Kris Roselle, Chair Karen Fields
Christine Hacker Steve Welte Ben Stickler, Parks and Recreation Representative
Mike Lane Veronica Craig Bob Breen, Parks Board Representative
* Tom Walsh

* Excused Absence

* * Absent

Topic	Discussion	Action
Call to Order	Meeting called to order by chair at 6:94	
Attendance		As above
Approval of minutes	Motion to waive reading of minutes and approve as distributed made by Mike and seconded by Roni	Approved
Standing Business 1. Correspondence /Articles/Publicity 2. Hours spent on ERCFC activities 3. Adopt-a-Roadway	1. Articles brought by Kris on recycling, Chris on EAB. 2. Roni-1.2'; Karen-1.5'; Kris-8'; Mike-3'; Chris-3'; Steve-2; Bob-2'. 3. Due to weather, not done this month. Will do in March	1. Given to Ben to file.
Parks Board Report	There was no Parks Board Meeting this month. The Sustainability Plan is on their agenda for their next meeting on 2/10.	Kris is unable to attend this meeting. Mike will attend to discuss sustainability plan.
Parks Dep't Report 1. Website statistics 2. Recycling Pledge Update 3. Tree City USA Update 4. Memorial Tree Grove Update 5. Tree Lottery Update 6. Municipal Tree Nursery	1. No information at this time. Ben will send us this information when he gets it. 2. Letters have been sent to monthly winners and all gift certificates have been distributed. 3. Ben has not heard about this 4. No new work has been done on this. One detection tree removed without infestation. 5. Waiting for details from the nurseries about how winners can get their trees. Letters have been sent to the winners. 6. No new news. Ben has talked with Dave regarding looking at sites.	3. Ben will check with Wendi so that this information can get into the annual report. 5. Ben will follow-up on this. 6. On hold for about 2 months

7. EAB Update	7. The quarterly report on EAB Management was sent by Jim Bell, Parks and Recreation Director. No new EAB activity has been found.	7. See memo attached.
Commission Reports 1. Street Tree Inventory 2. Bird House Workshop 3. Back Yard Habitat Tour 4. Recycling Contest (new ideas for promotion) 5. Energy Committee Meeting 6. River Sweep 7. Website ideas 8. Friends of Fairfield's Forests Awards	1. No new information. Tom will no longer be able to be in charge of this as his job has changed and he will probably need to resign from our commission. 2. Steve will be doing a bird feeder for this workshop. It will be held on 3/17 at the CAC. 3. Chris reported that she has been in contact with the Enright Ridge Urban Eco-Village in Price Hill, but has not received any information from them as yet. 4. Several ideas were discussed. a. See information attached from Mike on ideas from other places. b. Have people sign a recycling pledge before giving them a recycling bin during the Expo c. Have a large recycling bin for display at the Expo. d. Kris would like to have an article about recycling in the front of the city newsletter e. Arrange a trip to the recycling center with a photographer from the Echo. f. Education of the public is still the most important thing that will increase recycling such as how to implement recycling in a home, and what happens to the recycled material. 5. No meeting for a couple of months. 6. No new information. Will be held 5/2/09 7. See Mike's memo It is very difficult to get multifamily areas involved in recycling due to use of plastic bags used for trash. Suggestion was made to have different colored bags for recyclable material. 8. Kris asked for feedback about the accomplishments she has listed for our winners. Only one suggested additions was made to the Citizen Award winners' accomplishments.	1. Ben reported that Derek Hunter has the selected fields up on the city GPS system and Ben needs to clean these up. He is getting new hardware to use on laptops that we will use in the field. 3. Will report more information at next meeting. 4. d. Kris will contact Dean Langevin about this. e. Kris will arrange this. 8. The Awards will be given out on the next City Council Meeting on 2/9. Members of this commission are asked to attend to assist with giving out the awards.

9. Annual Report	Kris has this almost finished and will be ready for the Parks Board Meeting on 2/10.	
Other Business Commission election of officers	Must be held in April. Kris asked members to consider becoming chair of the commission as she is no longer able to be the chair. Members discussed the role of the chair and that this role needs to be looked at.	Additionally, ways to increase interest in being a member of this commission was brought up as a way to encourage obtaining new members for this commission. We are down 2 members at present and will probably be losing Tom which will give us 3 vacancies.
Calendar	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. City Council Meeting-Awards Presentation 2. Parks Board Meeting, Annual Report and Sustainability Plan 3. Next ERCFC Meeting 4. Bird House Workshop 5. ERCFC Meeting 6. Home Expo 7. Tree City Luncheon 8. River Sweep 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2/9/09, 7:00pm, CAC 2. 2/10/09, 6:00pm CAC 3. 3/4/09, 6:00pm CAC 4. 3/7/09 6:30pm, CAC 5. 4/1/09, 6:00pm, CAC 6. 4/4/09, CAC 7. 4/17/09, Hamilton 8. 5/2/09
Adjournment		Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Hacker