

Fairfield City Environmental Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
January 6, 2010 Community Arts Center

Members: Karen Fields, chair  
Christine Hacker  
Mike Lane  
Liz Hunter

Steve Welte  
Veronica Craig  
\* Greg Sunday

Ben Stickler, Parks and Recreation Representative  
Bob Breen, Parks Board Representative

Guest – Councilman Tim Meyers \* Excused Absence \*\* Absent

Topic	Discussion	Action
<b>Call to Order</b>	Meeting called to order by co chair Liz H.	call to order at 6:03 pm
<b>Attendance</b>		As above
<b>Approval of minutes</b>	Minutes of December meeting	Approved
<b>Councilman Meyers</b>	Attending tonight’s meeting to state that he thanks members for our efforts and to let us know that we are appreciated. He is especially pleased that the Sustainability Plan, which we submitted, has been added to the City Comprehensive Plan. He stated that our commission is having a positive effect on the city especially with regard to the recycling contest and finding ways of cost savings. He also mentioned the City of Montgomery giving resident’s credit for recycling.	Tim suggested that we adopt the theme “saving money by going green” for our commission. He is advocating for us for replacements for our open seats. He spoke of future projects developing “Blackbottom” and Marsh trails this year and the Dog Park in the future. Ben will look into their website and send us information about this.
<b>Standing Business</b> 1. Correspondence /Articles/Publicity 2. Hours spent on ERCFC activities 3. Adopt-a-Roadway	1. Roni brought in 1 article 2. Karen – 3’; Mike – 1’; Roni – 0.5’; Liz – 0’; Bob – 0’; Steve – 2’; Chris – 1.5’. 3. New schedule	3. Jan. – Karen, March – Liz May – Mike, July – Chris Sept – Steve, Nov - Roni
<b>Parks Board Report</b>	Bob reported that the Board is working with the FYBA regarding maintenance at the Waterworks Ballpark which the FYBA should be maintaining. Also the Joe Nuxall Pavilion is going unused because it has not met the Health Dep’t Regulations. This also the responsibility of the FYBA. Also discussed were the Capital Improvement Plan which includes Blackbottom and the Dog Park.	The Board is working with the FYBA to help them develop a plan to provide this maintenance.
<b>Parks Dep’t Report</b> 1. Website Statistics 2. Memorial Tree Grove 3. Sustainability Plan 4. Tree Lottery 5. EAB Update	1. Ben will email us this information 2. Pathway has been prepared, but weather is holding up completion. 3. See Tim Meyers report 4. Ben reported that the winners letters will go out soon 5. Referred to the article about EAB in the	4. Decided to give the winners until Oct. to claim their tree. 5. Jim Bell will be sending out his

	Enquirer.	quarterly report re EAB soon.
<b>Commission Reports</b> 1. Annual Report 2. Goals for 2010	1. Karen sent us a draft of this report. Any comments should be given to her this month. 2. "Year of Water" focus ideas included a. put ideas on website b. have the city sell rain barrels c. ideas for Expo – information about rain gardens and water conservation d. Birdbath – construction ideas discussed e. develop lookout sites at Memorial Tree Park	
<b>Other Business</b> 1. Tree City Luncheon 2. Friends of Fairfield 3. Administrative 4. Communication 5. Street Tree Inventory 6. Home Expo	1. Will be held April 23rd. Ben will get us info when he gets it. 2. Suggestions given to Karen to include on certificates. 3. Logo – Ben had draft of logo for which suggestions were made to improve it. 4. a. Other tree boards – no communication b. Newsletters – include river sweep and tree city award in next newsletter. c. Schools – Chris reported that the school is unable to participate in the Arbor Day Poster Contest. They could do individual posters. d. Recycling – we will participate in the recycling contest again this year. 5. Ben is looking into portable platforms for laptops. 6. Would like to have 2 tables this year and information on how to plant the trees that we give away.	3. Ben will have a draft of logo for the next meeting. Decided on a green logo on stone colored shirts. c. Chris will contact school about this. She will also arrange for an Arbor Day Tree Planting Event. Ben will see about a tree for this event. 6. Consider having tote bags and gator bags.
<b>Calendar</b> Next EC Meeting Parks Board Mtg Energy Comm. Mtg Birdbath Wkshp Home Expo Earth Day Tree City Luncheon Arbor Day River Sweep Spring Concert	2/3/10 – 6:00 pm CAC 1/12/10 – 5:30 pm CAC unknown March – date to be determined 4/10/10 – CAC 4/22/10 – plans?? 4/23/10 – City of Montgomery 4/30/10 5/1/10 May – we could change the concert that we go to.	Will discuss at next meeting
Adjournment		Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Hacker