



Wednesday, January 20, 2010 – 7pm
Mahany/Meininger Senior/Community Center (3500 Marais)

Members Present: Ruth Cleveland, Melissa Damaschke, Kathy Guest, Chris Hartwig, Bill Mitchell, Greg Rassel, Tom Regan, Virginia Saranoff

MINUTES

1. Approved November Minutes (motion made by Ruth, 2nd by Chris – motion carried)
2. Updates
 - Department of Public Service. Will follow-up to have a bin for plastics placed at Royal Oak High School. City recycled 3,281 Christmas trees. When a permit is pulled in the City, SOCRRA recycling guidelines will be offered.
 - City Commission. Considering lifting the ban on pit fires (non-charcoal). Attend a fire safety class then a permit issued. The board had no comment or suggestion.
 - MI Recycling Coalition
M. Damaschke announced that the Annual Conference is May 17 to 19 at Detroit RenCen.
 - SOCRRA
M. Damaschke reported that Royal Oak top seller in November Bin Blitz – Over 200!
3. Public Comment. Lauren Baker from Quill Communications of Royal Oak was present to discuss the Recycle Royal Oak Event scheduled for Sunday, April 25, 2010. She wishes to solicit ideas for the board regarding interactive displays. She is working in conjunction with DDA. Some ideas offered: Arts and Scraps, Detroit Zoo, Rain Barrel seller, Recycling for Charities, Royal Oak Community Garden, and Clinton Watershed. Choose businesses in a “passport” that promote environmental stewardship. Poster thanking businesses who participate in the business recycling program.
4. Business
 - Recycle Royal Oak Event is planned for in downtown Royal Oak. The ROEAB will be selling bins along 4th Street between Main and Washington.

- St. Patrick's Day Parade is schedule for Saturday, March 13. L. Baker will also be coordinating this event. K. Guest will contact the teacher sponsor of SEA at Royal Oak High School to ask if their students wish to participate again this year. SEA could wear their new club tee shirts and pass out Recycle Royal Oak flyers. K. Guest will also ask J. Booser of SEA if a student would be interested to be a student representative of this board. The students could rotate through this position.
- Green Schools Parade Idea. K. Guest mentioned an idea brought to her regarding having all ROSD buildings awarded Green School designation for the school year 2009-10 participate in the Holiday Parade in November 2010. Lauren Baker indicated she would coordinate this. K. Guest will email Dr. Moline with L. Baker's contact information.
- K. Guest asked if she could have a dozen City curbside bins to sell at the Mom to Mom Sale at Addams Elementary scheduled for March 20, 2010.
- Dream Home Expo (Saturday, March 27 from 9am to 2pm). M. Damaschke is looking for ROEAB members to help at this event. Chris Delaney of ROSD is coordinating the Expo. City could provide 40 of each bin (curbside and apartment size) to sell.
- Think Green Series at Library, M. Damaschke shared the following schedule:
 - **April 7 - Rain Barrels and Rain Gardens**
SPEAKER: Michele Arquette-Palermo, Clinton River Watershed Council
 - **April 14 – Rot On!!! Backyard Composting Basics**
SPEAKER: Anna Collinson, Resource Recycling Systems
 - **April 21 – Master Gardening**
SPEAKER: Carol Lenchek, MSU Extension – Oakland County
 - **April 28 - Recycling 101**
SPEAKER: Kathy Hyde, SOCRRA
 - **May 5 – Creating a Bee-Friendly Yard**
SPEAKER: Barbara B. Lucas, Washtenaw County Environmental Health Division
- Farmer's Market Bin Sale in April 2010. M. Damaschke is looking for ROEAB members for help. K. Guest can be there at 7:00 a.m.

5. Updates

- School Recycling. C. Hartwig will follow-up with Dr. Tom Moline of ROSD regarding outdoor recycle bins near tennis courts.
 - Business Recycling. M. Damaschke will follow-up with Anna Collinson regarding award.
6. 2009-2010 ROEAB Goals
- Operation Medicine Cabinet. Completed, take off list.
 - Non-motorized Transportation Plan. Tom Regan was introduced as the newest member of the ROEAB. Program underway with the City, more progress to be announced March or April. Training for the Safe Routes to School program scheduled for March 4, 2010 at the YMCA, Royal Oak.
 - Rain Garden Project. M. Damaschke indicated a rain garden is being explored for outside the RO Senior Center facing west.
 - Approach new Emagine Theatre regarding recycling and stormwater management.
 - Approach Arts, Beats and Eats regarding recycling. Coordinate with SOCRRA.
 - Planning and Commission meetings regarding Building Codes and areas designated for recycling. Virginia Saranoff is interested in pursuing this.
 - C. Hartwig and K. Guest will continue to distribute ROSD Student Eco-Art posters. Need a ROSD and ROEAB sticker. C. Hartwig will inquire about a ROSD sticker.
7. Upcoming Events
8. Adjourn (motion made by Virginia, 2nd by Ruth – motion carried)

UPCOMING ROEAB MEETINGS

Wednesday, February 17 at 7pm

Wednesday, March 17 at 7pm

Wednesday, April 21 at 7pm

Wednesday, May 19 at 7pm