

Edwardsville Cool Cities Advisory Committee

Minutes for the meeting on

September 16, 2021

First Floor Conference Room, Edwardsville City Hall

1. Call to Order 6:25pm
2. Roll Call RT, BS, SM, TK, BD all present CL  
(6:35)
3. Approval of Minutes from the August 19, 2021 Cool Cities Committee meeting SM motioned to approve, TK seconded, voted unanimously.
4. Citizens wishing to address the Board
5. Announcements
  - A. Climate and Equitable Jobs Act -RT talked about the details including tax incentives, job training, climate justice for citizens from lower income communities (training)
6. Old / Continuing Business
  - A. Planning Committee for New Firehouse -RT addressed the Fire Chief James Whiteford... who just attended the Firestation Design (3 day conference). He is committed to making the new firehouse environmentally friendly. He was concerned about the costly nature of LEED Certified but is happy that it will be LEED Certifiable and save \$ from certification costs. They have had requests for qualifications to architects and the architect has been decided on but not announced. The city will include Cool Cities Edwardsville board members in the process. Both Tom Kinsella, Jamie Henderson, and Brad Sauer would be willing to collaborate with the architect and city planners.

RT wrote and disseminated an email to all the alderman articulating the differences between LEEDS certified vs. certifiable, as well as the cost effectiveness of investing more on sustainable aspects of the firehouse as a sound longterm investment.

Battery back-up: cost concerns long term due to short life of batteries and expense to replace them. A discussion ensued about tax incentives, which don't apply.
  - B. Recycling Information Booths – For the Edwardsville Art Fair. Staffing set up tent on Friday F 5-7) at 5pm Saturday 11-6 Sunday 11-3 the tent will be staffed (A discussion about scheduling and staffing ensued). A recycle game is available for kids to play and learn about proper recycling. RT will call CorkTree for signage. TK will bring tent, and many other necessary accoutrements to set up shop.

C. Green Cities Challenge – SM and CL will be collaborating on our application due in October. A discussion took place about the application process and a listing of accomplishments. City bag fee ordinance, Water Treatment Retrofit of LED lights, Bicycle Planning Commission and honorable mention for Bicycle Friendly Community from League of American Bicyclists, resolution to use native plantings at least 50% of the time, carbon offset by purchasing of green space, and many other items to list. SM will contact Will Krause for more items to list in application.

7. New Business

8. Adjournment BD moved to adjourn. BS seconded. 7:19pm

**Next Cool Cities Committee Meeting: October 21 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 118 Hillsboro Avenue**

Rachel V. Tompkins, PMD