



Fayetteville Council of Neighborhoods

Together We Will Make A Difference

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Thursday, April 16, 2009 6 PM

Michael Thomas brought the meeting to order.

Minutes* from the Mar. 19, 2009 meeting were approved

Those in attendance introduced themselves by name and neighborhood or affiliation as follows:

Michael Thomas, Sunset Woods POA; JoAnn Kvamme, Root School; Susan Jenkins, Elm/Erstan/Baker; Bob Caulk, Mt. Sequoyah South; J.P. Peters, Clabber Creek II; Josh Kellar, Wildflower Meadow; Valerie Bierden, Fieldstone; Dave Flynn, Huntingdon; Karen Reese, Washington Willow; Lewis Teague, Cedarwood II; Julie McQuade, City Neighborhood Coordinator

The City's Sustainability Director, John Coleman, spoke to the group about the plans conceived since he spoke to us last year, when he first became coordinator. They are as follows:

- 1) Create Sustainability Advisers Group made up of six City employees to develop Goals & Metrics for City Departments
- 2) Generate \$800,000 in grant revenue for the City of Fayetteville - Energy Block Grant, Library - Solar Grant, Brownfield Grant, Community Gardens
- 3) Education - Create monthly Watershed Luncheons focused on 50 residents to develop deeper understanding of watershed protection and water conservation
- 4) Special Projects - CFL Light bulb exchange for Fay Housing Authority, Green Jobs Workforce Development Center, Fayetteville Forward
- 5) Diplomacy - UA Sustainability Council, Fayetteville High School, local businesses, etc

Coleman said the information generated by the citizens in the recent Fayetteville Forward Economic Summit will be reviewed, and will influence decisions.

There followed a brief question and answer period.

Cindi Cope followed with a brief promotion for America in Bloom, which included a complete listing of the various categories taken into consideration during the judging on June 11 and 12. She encouraged neighborhoods to buy and post (if possible) a

“sponsorship” America in Bloom sign to show our community involvement. She may be contacted for more information at copecindi@aol.com. Ms Cope also talked about the wildflower plantings that are happening all over the City. The UA Student Sustainability Coalition will be volunteering to do some planting, as have many other volunteers. She reported that a community garden project has been started at several local schools. Finally, she reminded us of the upcoming Botanical Garden of the Ozarks yearly fundraiser, the Greening of the Garden, encouraging us to attend and support this fantastic endeavor, that is not City funded!

Karen Reese, head of the FCON Beauty Mark committee, reported no decision has been made for the date of presentation. They are looking at working in conjunction with another event. The Beauty Mark Book will be updated soon.

Julie McQuade informed us Alderman Shirley Lucas suggested to the University Student Government that they have a seat on FCON in order to connect students with neighborhoods. The government body voted to do so.

Karen Reese gave the Treasurer’s report: \$138.09. This sum is the balance from previous donations made by various individuals and neighborhoods in support of various projects.

The Chairman’s Report was next on the agenda. Michael Thomas asked the neighborhoods if they had experienced any problems with SWEPCO’s actions after the past ice storm. Several neighborhoods claimed problems in over-cutting and pointless cutting in their neighborhood. Most felt SWEPCO took advantage of the situation. Karen Reece stated this has been an on going, before-the-ice-storm situation in her neighborhood. There has been no response to letters written to SWEPCO. Writing to the Public Service Commission in Little Rock was suggested.

Neighborhood Updates rendered no news or special activity at this time.

Ideas for our May meeting were: Julie McQuade, Social Media Training, and Urban Forestry and Fire Wise

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Jenkins, Secretary

* Minutes may be viewed on-line at
[www.accessfayetteville.org/government/neighborhood_resources/documents/
Council_of_Neighborhoods_Meeting_Minutes/FCON_March_19_2009_Minutes.pdf](http://www.accessfayetteville.org/government/neighborhood_resources/documents/Council_of_Neighborhoods_Meeting_Minutes/FCON_March_19_2009_Minutes.pdf)