

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

October 19, 2005 - Meeting Minutes

City Hall – 2nd Floor – Community Room

- Members Present:** James Jeakle, Bill Steinmann, Tom Hohm, Becky Patterson, Bill Hughes, Ted Lupina and Todd Kesselring
- Approved Absence:** Mike McCarville
- Staff:** Carolyn Rutland (Staff Liaison), Fred Nagler (Engineering)
- Others:** Don Cooney (City Commission Liaison), Jacob TenHarmsel and Chelsie Downs

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF: September 21, 2005:

- The ECC minutes of the September 21, 2005 meeting were approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

- The agenda was approved as submitted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- KEC Meeting October 27, 2005, 7:00 p.m. at the Gibbs House.

COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS:

- None

COMMENTS BY ECC MEMBERS:

- None

COMMENTS BY OTHERS:

- Fred Nagler and Carolyn Rutland presented the West Gateway street enhancement project. The project originated from a plan by a group of neighborhood residents and WMU and Kalamazoo College employees. A colonnade will be constructed in the traffic island north of Lovell Street between Oakland and W. Michigan. A series of signs with historical information will be positioned throughout the neighborhood west of Oakland, mainly of South and Lovell Streets. In College Park, west of W. Michigan, Arcadia Creek will be relocated east out of the railroad right-of-way into a more natural meandering path and the existing bike path to the south will be extended northward to Academy Street. The project is supported by a grant from the Michigan Department of Transportation and funds from WMU. Construction will take place in 2006.

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OLD BUSINESS:

- Krinock Property – The committee reviewed the draft resolution Jim Jeakle had distributed. Jeakle will communicate with Heather Ratliff regarding timing. Bill Hughes moved that Don Cooney and Heather Ratcliff be asked to review the resolution before it is submitted to the City Commission. The motion was seconded by Ted Lupina and approved. Chelsea Downs offered to contact Ratliff to volunteer the help of the Jay Cees. The Krinock property will be considered again at the November ECC meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Wetland Protection Ordinance – The committee wants to know that the City of Kalamazoo already has in place to protect wetlands; this will be a topic on the November ECC agenda.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Asylum Lake – Todd Kesselring reported that the committee is working on a Master Management Plan for Asylum Lake.
- Planning Commission – Tom Hohm reported that at the October 11, 2005 commission meeting there was a special use permit granted for a day care operation in a home and for a church expanding its parking lot. SME wants to develop an office in the BTR Park and ask for Planning Commission permission, per BTR rules.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Transcribed and respectfully submitted,



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