

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

November 15, 2006 - Meeting Minutes

4:30 p.m. - City Hall - 2nd Floor - Community Room

Members Present: James Jeakle, Bill Steinmann, Casey Gershon, Tom Hohm and Travis Meier

Approved Absence: Ted Lupina and Bill Hughes

Staff: Carolyn Rutland

Others: None

APPROVAL OF October 18, 2006 MEETING MINUTES: Under Old Business, the third-to-last line was changed to "...Neighborhood Associations. Requests have been made to both Associations to put notices about ECC membership vacancies in their newsletters." A motion was made to approve the minutes as corrected; the motion was seconded and approved.

COMMENTS BY OTHERS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

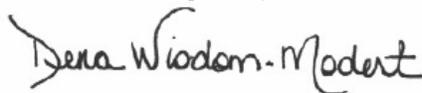
SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS: Planning Commission – There was nothing of environmental interest on the November 2006 meeting agenda. **Wellhead Protection** – With MDEQ grant support, new groundwater protection announcements have been developed for the Rave and Kalamazoo 10 theaters.

OLD BUSINESS: Bronco Biodiesel - The City Attorney's office is reviewing the memorandum of understanding and lease agreement with Western Michigan University. City staff, including representatives from Wastewater Operations and Wastewater Maintenance, and WMU project personnel met November 2, 2006. Attendees identified specific equipment and piping to be removed and where modifications will be made to the Kalamazoo Water Reclamation Plant pilot plant building. Bronco Biodiesel will contract with a local architect/engineer firm to prepare plans and specifications. Draft drawings will be reviewed at the next meeting (date to be determined). The team will also be meeting with Dale Hubbard (Clean Earth) to view his grease trap treatment system and issues related to grease transportation and treatment. **Urban Environmental Accords** - Jim Jeakle and Carolyn Rutland will make efforts to contact Steve Harlow. **Pet Waste** – No report. **Sustainable Building Policy** – ECC members will bring comments and suggestions on this topic to the December meeting. **Membership** – By consensus, Jim Jeakle and Ted Lupina will continue to service on the ECC until their positions are filled and a recommendation will be made to the City Commission to reappoint Tom Hohm to another three-year membership term. Election of officers will be held at the December meeting. Carolyn Rutland will provide a schedule of 2007 meetings. The 2006 Annual Report should be submitted to the City Clerk's office by February 28, 2007. Jim Jeakle will prepare a draft for committee approval by this deadline.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Transcribed and respectfully submitted,



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