

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

December 20, 2006 - Meeting Minutes

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

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

Approved Absence: Ted Lupina and Colleen Pritchard

Staff: Carolyn Rutland

Others: Michelle Richards (membership applicant), David Anderson and Barbara Miller (City Commissioners)

APPROVAL OF November 15, 2006 MEETING MINUTES: Postponed to January 2007.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made to approve the agenda; the motion was seconded and approved.

COMMENTS BY OTHERS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Casey Gershon shared the information that the Kalamazoo School Board is planning to obtain LEED certification for the proposed new school building, including a green roof.

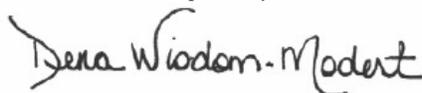
OLD BUSINESS: Bronco Biodiesel - The City Attorney's office has completed its review of the agreement documents and the City is waiting for WMU's response. **Year-End Business** - A motion was made that Bill Steinmann serve as ECC Chair and Bill Hughes as Vice-Chair in 2007; the motion was seconded and approved. Michelle Richards was interviewed for membership on the ECC. A motion was made to recommend to the City Commission that Michelle Richards be approved for ECC membership; the motion was seconded and approved. Jim Jeakle will provide a draft of the 2006 Annual Report at the January 2007 meeting. Carolyn Rutland will provide a 2007 meeting schedule in January. **Pet Waste** - Commissioner Barbara Miller described her interest in a pet waste ordinance for the City of Kalamazoo. Carolyn Rutland presented a summary of information about pet waste ordinances and disposal and offered to draft a summary for ECC consideration at the January 2007 meeting. **Sustainable Building Policy** - Commissioner Anderson urged the ECC to communicate its recommendation to the City Commission soon. The draft prepared by Jim Jeakle earlier in 2006 will be discussed at the January 2007 meeting. Members will bring information and other example municipal policies to that meeting. Muskegon now has such a policy. City Planner Jeff Chamberlain has expressed interest in hearing from the ECC on this matter. Aspects to be discussed include application of such a policy to new City-owned buildings and rehabilitation of existing building, whether City-owned or not. Habitat for Humanity is building Energy Star homes.

NEW BUSINESS: None

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS: Planning Committee - Tom Hohm stated that an update of the Capital Improvement Plan would be considered at the January 2007 meeting.

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

Transcribed and respectfully submitted,



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