

**DECATUR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY BOARD**  
**Commission Meeting Room**  
**Decatur City Hall**  
**509 North McDonough Street**  
**Friday, March 22, 2009**  
**8:00 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

Present: Gary Garrett (chair), Jill Jordan, Steve Provost, Kristin Rowles, Tony Leung, KC Boyce, Ben Jordan, Tiffany Brott (secretary)

Citizen: Carl Seville

Staff: David Junger, Sean Woodson, Lena Stevens  
Agnes Scott representative: Lies Van Bekkum

Guest Presenters:

Jeremy Warner, Cartridge World  
Andrew Mayronne, graduate student from Georgia Tech and Blair Garvey from Georgia Tech

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & INTROS**

- Jeremy Warner from Cartridge World collected more than 195 ink cartridges, 32 laser cartridges. Presented check to City for \$390.
- Gary suggested interested board members might like to review Sarasota's sustainability road map: <http://www.scgov.net/Sustainability/Roadmap.asp>

**WASTE MANAGEMENT ISSUES PRIMER & FOCUS**

Sean Woodson provided an overview on the City's Waste Management department and key initiatives. Highlights shared:

- The department of 12 oversees trash pick up & recycling (residential and commercial), city's own recycling related initiatives,
- Pay as you throw instituted in 1990s as a way to meet the 25% reduction of waste target set by the state. City has averaged 35% since inception.
- City instituted its own office recycling program to help drive sustainability through all city departments and offices.
- The board asked Sean to share the approved list of items for recycling since it has changed with the new service provider. Items include: Styrofoam with # 6 on it, plastics 1 through 7, (which include dry cleaner, newspaper and store bags), newspaper, magazines, printer paper, glass, etc.
- Kristin Rowles inquired about the possibility of the City conducting a hazardous household waste collection process. City staff will research the logistics of conducting such event.
- Board members talked about the possibility of organizing a second edition of the Decatur Green Initiatives report.
- ACTION: Sean will e-mail list of approved items to Gary Garrett for distribution to board as well as provide a quarterly report on solid waste and recycling.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Storm Water/Water Subcommittee: Kristin Rowles agreed to serve as lead for this subcommittee. Board members serving on it include Ben Jordan, KC Boyce and Tony Leung. Julie Gyuricza will be the City staff liaison.
- Greenspace Subcommittee: Steve Provost agreed to serve as lead. Board members serving on this sub committee include: Greg Coleson, Tony Leung and Kristin Rowles

- Urban Farming/Agriculture update: this initiative will focus on providing guidance on goals, benefits, environmental guidance points, helping ensure compliance with other City initiatives (e.g., waste management, stormwater, etc.) and similar issues. They are drafting an initial guidance document that they will share at the June board meeting.
- Energy & Resources subcommittee: KC Boyce will serve as the lead. Other board members on this subcommittee include Greg Coleson.
  - Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance Grant: subcommittee reviewed proposal and provided feedback.
  - This committee is also establishing a baseline overview of where the City stands around its green house gas footprint. Right now there is a partial footprint, but we are still missing the electrical consumption piece. The committee and city staff will work with Georgia Power to gather this information.
- Education/Metrics/Marketing/Outreach subcommittee: Tiffany Brott will lead this committee, with Jill Jordan and Ben Jordan serving from the board. Lena Stevens will be the City liaison.
  - Tiffany and Jill gave an update from our participation in Greenfest, which included securing citizen signatures in support of the SEEA grant.
  - The committee would like to work with City staff on helping create a Sustainability section/portal on the City website to help ensure residents have access to this information. The committee would also like to look at other channels including neighborhood list serves as a way to education and engagement people..

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Andrew Mayronne, a Georgia Tech grad student, is doing his graduate paper on the impact that Urban Farming in Decatur can have on human and environmental health as well as the impacts on building community and economic development. The paper is due in July. He is working with Amanda Thompson, City staff, as well and will share findings, case studies, etc. with the board and the Greenspace subcommittee.

The next meeting date is set for June 19, 2009 at 8 a.m.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.