

PPA Environment Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 12, 2023
6:30 - 7:30 pm
Luxton Park

Present: Rick McCormick, Mary Britton, Lydia McAnerney, Kathleen Davis, Vera Marshall, Steve Zimmer, Mary Legris

August Minutes

Minutes were read and approved by unanimous vote.

Neighborhood Clean Up update Lydia

Lydia announced that the clean up will not occur this fall. There is no one available to take over leadership from the prior volunteer leader. Perhaps next year?

Report on biochar letter Rick

Rick attended the August PPA meeting and reported that PPA did not vote to take a position on the biochar issue. The consensus was that it is too early in the process. There will be community listening sessions scheduled. The environment committee position is that PPA's approval of the site should be contingent on the city's willingness to address the traffic problem in the neighborhood and on its assurance that the trucks used for the Biochar site will be electric vehicles.

Update on 25% x 25 project Mary

Mary Britton reports that the use of greenhouse gases in Prospect Park has decreased 4.7% this year and that she believes that the 25% by 25 project has made a difference because more folks are getting energy audits and working on insulating their homes better. She calculates a decrease of 621 pounds of greenhouse gases per house. This decrease is despite the fact one in five houses in PPA have no insulation. She is planning a gathering at her house on October 21st to celebrate this decrease.

Green Team Mary

Mary Britton wants to publicize the 25% by 25 project and its success in hopes that other neighborhoods will duplicate the effort. She is researching the possibility of working with a non-profit to spread the word.