

**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
OF THE PARTNERSHIP FOR A GREEN CITY
MINUTES FROM MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2007
Gheens, Room 202
4:30-5:30**

Attendance:

Teddie Phillipson-Mower (UofL), Donna Griffin (JCPS), David Wicks (JCPS), Becky Wolfe (UofL), Emily Conn (UofL), Julie Fried (Brightside), Amy Lowen (Louisville Science Center), Jean Anne Clyde (UofL), Linda Fry (Greenthumb), Jerry Durall (Lassiter Middle), Rachel Knecht (UofL), Jenny Cundiff (UofL), Johnny Brinkworth (UofL), Heather Mayfield (Orsanco), Andrew Crocker (Metro Parks), John Hamilton (Metro Parks), Tami Harbolt-Bosco (Metro Animal Services), Denise Peterson (UK), Carol Gunderson (Oxmoor Farm), Kristen Ellis (Living Lands & Waters), Linda Arnold (JCPS), Bennett Knox (Jefferson Memorial Forest), Tonya Swan (Jefferson Memorial Forest), Phyllis Croce (MSD), Kaki Robinson, Collis Marshall

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m. by Teddie Phillipson-Mower and Donna Griffin. Introductions were made.

Emily Conn, who will be our student coordinator, was introduced to the group. Her position will be funded by U of L's Center for Environmental Education through the Kentucky PRIDE grant.

I. Announcements

1. Living Lands & Waters (www.livinglandsandwaters.org):
 - A. Kristin Ellis, Riverbottom Restoration Coordinator, and Phyllis Croce, MSD, are seeking volunteers to help restore and enhance the Beargrass Creek Watershed. The next cleanup is this **Saturday, January 27th**. For more information click on the box "Ohio River Restoration 2007" on LL&W's homepage.
 - B. Alternative Spring Break (March 5-9 & 12-16) – Work with the LL&W crew and other college students to remove garbage from the Ohio River. For more information click on the box "Ohio River Cleanup 2007" on LL&Ws homepage.
2. Campus Community Partnership for Sustainability 2007 Conference, April 20-22 at Eastern Kentucky University (www.greencampusky.org). Student Delegates from UofL will participate in a special dinner discussion and other activities with students from other universities. If you are interested in becoming a delegate, contact the UofL coordinator, Emily Conn, at etrey03@louisville.edu
3. Tami Harbolt-Bosco from Metro Animal Services will be offering a Professional Development course, *Care of Classroom Pets*, on February 28th from 4-7:45pm at the Animal Care Center, 3705 Manslick Road (502-361-

- 1318). Topics covered will include lesson plans and how to keep classroom pets healthy and happy. For more information contact Tami at drewsmuse@insightbb.com
4. Nominations for The Brightside Fred Wiche Award for both the adult division and the school division must be postmarked by Friday, March 16, 2007. The award honors those citizens and schools in Louisville who model Fred Wiche's environmental stewardship. For applications contact MetroCall 311 or 574-5000.
 5. Brightside's Student Paper Competition-The topic of the paper relates to environmental awareness and change through action in our community. Submissions are due by February 15th and can be used as a JCPS portfolio piece. For more information, contact Julie Fried, Brightside Community Education Manager, at 574-2702, or Julie.shintonfried@louisvilleky.gov
 6. The Kentucky Institute for the Environment and Sustainable Development publishes *Sustain*, a journal of environmental and sustainability issues. The most recent issue is titled "Our Energy Future". If anyone is interested in receiving a copy of this quarterly journal, contact David Wicks at david.wicks@jefferson.kyschools.us
 7. The deadline for submitting articles for the February issue of *Global Connections: Staying in touch with culture and environment*, is January 29th. This monthly newsletter acknowledges the relationship between environmental issues and the world cultures that inhabit our planet. To view the January issue visit <http://www.jcpsky.net/ee/globalconnections>. Contact David Wicks for more information.
 8. Ball State University "Greening the Campus" event will be held September 6-8, 2007 at the BSU campus in Muncie, IN. Abstracts/proposals are due February 12th. Please go to www.bsu.edu/greening to get more information about this conference. If you are interested in discussing proposal ideas contact Teddie Phillipson-Mower at t.phillipsonmower@louisville.edu
 9. NAAEE conference will be held on November 13-14 with the research symposium held November 13-14. Proposal submissions must be in by January 31. Interested individuals should go to www.naaee.org and look at the proposal format. If you would like to have an opportunity to talk with someone about your ideas, get feedback on the proposal, and/or find someone else to present with, contact Teddie Phillipson-Mower.

III. Presentations

1. Project RESTORE (Bennett Knox and Tonya Swan from Jefferson Memorial Forest, John Hamilton and Andrew Crocker from Metro Parks, Linda Arnold from Middletown Elementary) – Their goal is to establish a pilot project within Metro Parks in partnership with JCPS and with support from the Partnership for a Green City to provide EE opportunities for students utilizing various stages of the ecological restoration process within natural area managed by Metro Parks. *The complete pilot project proposal is attached to this email.* If you have suggestions (i.e. grant opportunities, partnerships,

etc)? Please contact Bennett Knox at bennett.knox@louisvilleky.gov, or Tonya Swan at tonya.swan@louisvilleky.gov

ACTION – Bennett Knox and Tonya Swan will head this working group and all people interested in joining please contact them as soon as possible. There are many opportunities. The working group will present a report at the next EEC meeting in February.

2. Workshop with Richard Louv, author of *Last Child in the Woods* – The Committee explored different possibilities for a mini-conference centered around bringing Richard Louv and Cheryl Charles, national director of Project Wild and Learning Tree to Louisville around June 18th. Project RESTORE is required to hold a 4-5 day institute and there were ideas of combining the two.

ACTION: It was decided that a working group should be formed to explore this further. David Wick and Amy Lowen will head this effort. If you have any ideas about the workshop or are interested in joining this working group, email David Wicks or Amy Lowen (Louisville Science Center), amy.lowen@louisvilleky.gov For more information on The Children and Nature Network (Louv and Charles), go to <http://cNatureNet.org>. A report will be given at the next meeting.

3. Floating Science Classroom – Based in Cincinnati, the ORSANCO Educational Foundation connects students and communities to the Ohio River through hands-on, voyages of discovery aboard the PA Denny, a sternwheel paddleboat. The paddleboat will be traveling to Louisville and docking at the waterfront from May 14-19. During this week, ORSANCO in sponsorship with the Louisville Water Company and MSD, will offer educational programs for 4th and 5th grade students from 9:30-1:30 daily. There will be an open house for teachers and parents on Wednesday, May 16th from 4-7pm. For more information or to volunteer, contact Heather Mayfield at hmayfield@orsanco.org. Paid internships for qualifying educators are also available. *There is more detailed information attached to this email.*

No committee action needed at this time.

IV. Working Group Reports

1. Outdoor classrooms – A draft of the JCPS Soils Action and Hygiene Plan was distributed by David Wicks. Contact David for a copy.
2. Climate Change Committee – On December 22nd, Art Williams, Director of Air Pollution Control, conducted the first meeting regarding the climate change initiative signed by the Mayor. If anyone is interested in joining this committee, contact David Wicks.
3. Food Committee – Wrote a profession development for teachers on how to infuse urban agriculture into the curriculum. More will be discussed during the next meeting.

4. Greenthumb Environmental Club– UofL’s only student-run environmental organization is interested in conducting and participating in an Energy Fair in which they encourage parents to turn off their cars while waiting in carpool lines and distribute tire pressure gauges. If anyone has suggestions please contact Linda Fry at lgfry001@louisville.edu

V. Agenda for the next meeting

1. Metro Parks Pilot Project
2. Workshop with Richard Louv