

**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
OF THE PARTNERSHIP FOR A GREEN CITY  
MINUTES**

**May 20, 2009**

**Gheens Academy, Rm 202**

**4:30 – 5:30 p.m.**

Attendance: Eva Garrett, Brent Fryrear, Sherri Brown, Bill Kennedy, Kaki Robinson, Judy Gardner, Julie Fried, Betsy Ruhe, Donna Griffin, Layne Greenwell, Teddie Phillipson Mower, Ted ?

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 pm by Teddie Phillipson-Mower and Donna Griffin. Introductions were made.

**I. New Business:**

1. Bioneers coming to Louisville October 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> (Teddie Phillipson): Think about how your organization could be involved with the Bioneers! The Bioneers will be broadcast in the planetarium. You may showcase your local environmental education events nationally through this event. Consider what your organization would like to showcase—this can be in the form of a workshop, a tour, a table, or a demonstration of activities for kids to name a few. Think outside the box when considering how you would like to showcase and be sure to focus on engaging others. The audience viewing these showcases will be the community. Ideally, in June we will have an idea of what organizations would be interested in doing, we also should know how many groups are interested in participating. Visit [bioneers.org](http://bioneers.org) for more information. You may also go to [youtube.com](http://youtube.com) and type in ‘Bioneer conference’ to learn more. Email [cenvired@louisville.edu](mailto:cenvired@louisville.edu) with any ideas you have or how you would like to be involved.
2. Healthy Foods/Local Farms is November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>: The conference will be held on UofL’s campus once again this year. Russ Barnett (UofL), Mark Williams (Brown Forman), Rob Frederick (school garden network), and John Bellatry (St. Francis) are considering an area outside of the CEHD to place an outdoor garden. Mark Williams has agreed to build the garden. This garden will allow for numerous student opportunities to learn and gain hands-on experience.
3. Environmental Youth Summit: Scheduled for October 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be a PD for teachers and Mentors this year. These PD’s will likely be scheduled around the end of August and beginning of October. They will held be on UofL’s campus, which will provide an opportunity for teachers and mentors to gain hands on experience with the projects in which their students will be participating. Anyone interested in becoming involved

with the youth summit email [cenvired@louisville.edu](mailto:cenvired@louisville.edu) and learn more about being a part of the Youth Summit.

4. Outdoor classrooms (Donna Griffin): It would be beneficial to gather each individual who impacts the creation of an outdoor classroom and develop clear guidelines for teachers and schools to utilize. These guidelines would be beneficial in allowing us to clearly articulate everything involved in the creation of an outdoor classroom and the measures to take in order for it to be a success. This project may be something to consider for a working group in the fall.

## II. Working Groups:

1. What environmental educators should know about Jefferson County document (Teddie Phillipson): We are moving ahead! All articles that have been received have been sent to Keith Mountain for review. There are numerous areas that are still open for individuals to write. Anyone interested in writing a portion of the document, please send an email to [cenvired@louisville.edu](mailto:cenvired@louisville.edu) concerning your area of interest. Once Keith completes his review process he will pass them on to the next individual on the review committee. Each piece will be reviewed several times by various individuals. Thus far, every piece looks great!

## III. Announcements:

1. Food Literacy Project (Carol Gunderson and Angelique Perez): Family Farm Day event on June 6th between 11am and 3pm. The day will be filled with family friendly activities including making ice cream and baking bread in the solar oven.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. by Teddie Phillipson-Mower and Donna Griffin.