

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

**December 16, 2009
Gheens Academy, Library
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM**

Members Present: Teddie Phillipson-Mower, Julie Shinton-Fried, Pamela Williams-Harris, Betsy Ruhe, Kandris Goodwin, Mason Roberts, Joan Shanahan, Judy Gardner, Beth Inman, Brent Fryrear, Beth Bell, Rosetta Fackler, Joan Lindop

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Changes to the Agenda - None.

III. Business

1. Living Lands and Waters - The committee comprehensively decided to participate to the extent possible in the Living Lands and Waters XStream Cleanup event scheduled for March 27, 2010. Kandris Goodwin and Rosetta Fackler shared a brief history on the Living Lands and Waters founder, Chad Pregracke, and how the organization originated. EEC members are asked to think about respective people/contacts to reach out to for additional help. The idea of developing and introducing a recycling program with the cleanup was mentioned. Per Julie Shinton-Fried, Brightside's Community-Wide Cleanup also falls on the same day as the Living Lands and Waters XStream Cleanup. In the past, Boy Scouts have been utilized and focused their mission on helping pick up debris. This may be an ideal opportunity to promote the JCPS recycling program. Teddie Phillipson-Mower mentioned the idea of providing a team to educate custodians, and use the EEC as resources/educators in the field.

2. Awards and Recognition - Teddie noted that many environmental awards are being given out at the national and state levels. We should nominate people from our Louisville area to receive these awards as it showcases the depth of commitment that people have to the local environment. Brent Fryrear reported that the Partnership is developing a Joan Riehm Memorial Environmental Leadership Award. Details to follow.

3. No Child Left Inside - Teddie Phillipson-Mower initiated a call to action for writing to representatives in support of this national coalition.

<http://www.cbf.org/Page.aspx?pid=687>

4. Annual Report - The 2008-2009 EEC Annual Report is underway. Emily Woods has created a preliminary template and will be working with the EEC to update and compile accurate information reflecting the previous year. It will take all of the EEC members to create a satisfactory report. Please review the draft when it is released and provide information to help strengthen it. The PGC Annual Report is projected to

be complete in March 2010. The EEC Annual Report should be completed before the PGC Annual Report.

5. Gardens Report - Kandris Goodwin reported that a new environmental club is under development at Cochran Elementary School. There was also mention of a monetary donation form parents for the Noe Middle School garden/landscaping project. We would like to see a community school partnership between the area schools of Manual, Noe, and Cochran. We are in need of volunteers either to share their expertise or muscle. Volunteers need to be registered with JCPS. Please contact Teddie or Kandris to find out how to do this and let us know your interest.

6. "What Every Environmental Educator Should Know About Jefferson County?" Document - It was reported by various contributors that the document is still in its editing phase. Ideally the document will be posted on the EEC website (among others) for reference.

7. Grant Writing Working Group - The Grant Writing Working Group (members - Rosetta Fackler, Beth Inman, Judy Garder, Julie Fried, Joan Shanahan, and Marcelle Gionelloni) decided to table plans to submit the EPA grant. The Partnership is not in a position to sponsor grants at this point. Russ Barnett, Director of KIESD, was willing to help with the 25% matching funds but the university schedule for grant submissions wouldn't have allowed time to fine tune the grant in order to be competitive. The Grant Writing Working Group suggests that the EEC revisit this next year in September to begin the process. In the meantime, they will begin to seek out other opportunities for grants after the start of the New Year.

IV. Working Groups

1. The Working Groups (Promoting the Interdisciplinary Nature of Environmental Education, Promoting the EEC and Facilitating Sustainable Policy Changes, and Outdoor Classrooms and Gardens) gathered for approximately 15 minutes to further discuss their respective goals/objectives for 2010 that were outlined/discussed in the EEC November 2009 meeting.

V. New Business

1. Mason Roberts was present at the meeting. He represents "Louisville Grows," a local sustainability consulting firm. This organization has been a contributing factor in initiating community gardens within UofL (green space next to Cultural Center).

2. Joan Riehm Memorial Environmental Leadership Award (PGC)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM by Teddie Phillipson-Mower. The next meeting will be held on January 20, 2010, location TBA.

Respectfully Submitted by

Emily Woods and Teddie Mower