

EnviroShare EvMS External Steering Committee

Minutes from EvMS Steering Committee September 2, 2011

The meeting of Hall County's Environmental Management System (EvMS) was held in the conference facility of Lanier Charter Career Academy from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Attending:

Horace Gee, City of Gainesville
Bill Andrew, City of Flowery Branch
Stan Brown, City of Oakwood
Kerry Stewart, Gainesville State College
Shelley Davis, Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce
Andrea Timpone, Elachee Nature Science Center
Margaret Rasmussen, The Redbud Project
Randall Bowman, BRI Energy
Cindy Reed, Keep Hall Beautiful
Rick Foote, Hall County

I. Introductions

There were self-introductions.

II. Approval of Agenda/Minutes

Moved by Margaret Rasmussen for approval as presented. Seconded by Andrea Timpone. Approval was unanimous.

III. Old Business

Steering Committee Roster

Rick handed out a roster of steering committee members as requested.

IV. New Business

A. By-Laws

Rick asked the committee's feelings on need for by-laws. He explained he did by-laws for the Citizens' Advisory Subcommittee, as directed by Commissioner Bell. He also conferred with our mentor, Bartow County, and they don't have any. All seemed to be in agreement that they aren't needed at this time. We can re-visit later if need be.

B. Report on Facilitated Workshop for Development of our Mission and Vision

Cindy stated Leigh Askew Elkins had done a great job facilitating our mission and vision development workshop. She assembled her notes from the workshop and sent it to us for use in in our working group meetings in August. Serving on the working group were Shelly Davis, Marilyn Hutchings, Stan Brown, Cindy and Rick. Our charge was to keep it simple and broad. The exercise shows that we are still trying to figure out what we are.

Kerry suggested several grammatical changes. Andrea suggested adding "Hall County" at the top to be more descriptive.

Stan moved to adopt the mission and vision statement with changes. Kerry provided a second. Approved unanimously. Rick will make these changes and present at the next meeting to be certain that all needed changes were made. Andrea suggested that we come back to this at the next meeting and email it out in advance, perhaps for an email vote.

C. Next Steps

1. Development of program areas, goals and objectives

There was some discussion, once mission and vision is adopted, of need to develop goals and objectives in program areas such as air, water, land and environmental stewardship.

Cindy facilitated a brief exercise using flip charts to outline goals and objectives We developed bullet points for Air, Water, Land, and Energy. [see attached]

2. Development of internal steering committees for each partner

Rick reported he had conferred with our mentor, Bartow County, and Sheri Henshaw verified that following Bartow's model, each Partner would be expected to form an internal steering committee to drive environmental improvements within each partner's operation.

V. Proposed future topics and presentations

A. GIS Presentation

Kerry proposed a presentation on GIS. He offered to contact Chris Semerjian to arrange something for an upcoming meeting.

B. Inventory

A need to inventory what is already going on in Hall County with respect to environmental activities was briefly discussed.

VI. Updates from Partners

Cindy provided information on two upcoming cleanup activities. There will be a Rivers Alive cleanup of Longwood Cove and ShoreSweep, a cleanup of Laker Lanier. Rick will send out information on these activities to committee members.

VII. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

VIII. Set Date/Location/Topic(s) of Next Meeting

Rick explained an ongoing conflict with first Friday of the month meetings. We will change to second Friday meetings to avoid this.

IX. Adjourn

Cindy moved to adjourn. Stan provided a second. Meeting was adjourned.

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Goals & Objectives--DRAFT

- I. Energy
 - a. Conservation
 - b. Alternative Energy
 - c. Education-Stewardship
 - d. Government Energy Challenge
 - e. Distribution-grid more efficient
 - f. Energy generation

- II. Land
 - a. Greenspace/Parks
 - b. Litter
 - c. Tree Canopy
 - d. Graffiti
 - e. Landfill/Recycling/Solid Waste
 - f. Education/Stewardship
 - g. Native Plants/Invasives
 - h. Drought Tolerant
 - i. Transportation
 - j. Development
 - k. Clear Cutting
 - l. Zoning/Ordinances

- III. Water
 - a. Conservation-implementation of state mandates
 - b. Quality (pollution)
 - c. Environmental Stewardship & Education (volunteerism)
 - d. Rain Water Harvesting
 - e. Storm Water Runoff
 - f. Watershed-Well head protection
 - g. Greenspace Zones
 - h. Buffers
 - i. Sewer/waste water
- IV. Air
 - a. Quality (burn ban, vehicle inspection)
 - b. Environmental Stewardship/Volunteer/Education
 - c. Transportation (car pool, rail, transit)
 - d. Clean Air Campaign
 - e. Noise Pollution
 - f. Industry