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Agenda  
September 16, 2009  
Clean Air Counts Communities Meeting  
9:00 am-11:00 am  
Marion Street Cheese Market, 100 S. Marion Street  
Oak Park, IL 60302.

1. At 9:15, President Pope called the meeting to order and all attendees introduced themselves. Eric Larsen welcomed Clean Air Counts to the Marion Street Cheese Market. Mr. Larsen was pleased to host the meeting and discussed the Cheese Market's environmental initiatives. Those include the use of recycled and sustainable materials and focus on organic produce from local growers. For more information, please visit <http://www.marionstreetcheesemarket.com/>.

Attendees included Samantha Bingham, Chicago; Mark Minor, RTA; Nina Vetter, Wilmette; Laura Shallow, Evergreen Park; Tom Murawski, Midlothian; President Pope, Oak Park; Eve Pytel, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus; Karen Rozmus, Oak Park; David Gorman, Lombard; Howard Killian, Hanover Park; and Steve Pincuspy, Safer Pest Control. Eric Ertmoed, Lisle; Katie Hanzlick, Des Plaines; and Ashley Monroe, Hoffman Estates sent their regrets.

2. Thomas J. Murawski, Outstanding Leadership in Clean Air Counts. President Pope Presented Tom Murawski, former Environmental Committee Chair and Clean Air Counts Communities Chair, with a Platinum Plaque for his outstanding leadership. Mayor Murawski graciously accepted the plaque and agreed to continue to participate in the Clean Air Counts Communities Meetings.

3. Community Presentations:

A. City of Chicago Air Quality Agenda Presentation, Samantha Bingham, Chicago Department of Environment. Ms. Bingham gave an overview of the Air Agenda. Her presentation discussed the pollutants targeted under the agenda; sources of those pollutants and mitigation measures. The group was fascinated to learn that Construction was responsible for 35% of Particulate Matter and was eager to explore mitigation measures. The presentation is available on the website. Finally, Ms. Bingham discussed the importance of process and inclusion with the development of the agenda. Several organizations have been involved in the agenda, including the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus.

B. Municipal Pest Control Project-Pilot Program update: Steve Pincuspy, Safer Pest Control Management. Mr. Pincuspy updated the group on the project, which initially shared their plans with CAC communities in June of 2008. Since that time they have piloted their program with Lisle, Evanston and Orland Park. The outcome of the work will include a Tool Kit for 15 communities and some technical assistance. There are 8 remaining spots for municipalities in the program and the website is available on the website.

4. Ongoing Projects

A. Plaque Program

i. Revised Forms: The plaque award forms have been revised to a single form for all levels. The new format was enthusiastically accepted because the table enables all parties to quickly understand how the community is improving air quality. Moving forward all communities will be asked to submit the form every year regardless of whether they are moving to the next level. Meeting attendees decided that Silver, Gold and Platinum Level communities should be required to send a municipal representative to meetings. The form is available on the website for download.

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- ii. Requirements for Maintaining Platinum Status: Moving forward municipalities will be required to maintain their Platinum Level status by submitting a letter signed by the Mayor or Village Manager pledging continued participation in the program. In addition, it was decided that Platinum Communities should also be able to provide details for an additional action undertaken. The additional action should also have a measurable outcome. Traditional Clean Air Counts reports would also be accepted.
- iii. December 10<sup>th</sup> Application Deadline: All Clean Air Counts Plaque applications and their attached documents should be submitted by the end of the day on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

B. Clean Air Counts Policy Study:

- i. Examining cost per pound for municipal pollution reduction strategies. This year the committee will study the cost per pound of pollution prevention strategies for municipalities. In addition the strategies will be examined based on ease of implementation and feasibility based on input from stakeholders.
- ii. Particulate Matter Strategies. The Campaign will examine Particulate Matter reduction strategies for municipalities over the next year.
- iii. Annual Survey: a copy of a draft survey was shared with the group with request for comment.

5- Resources, Events and Opportunities: A resource sheet was distributed to attendees with upcoming events and funding information. The group also noted the following:

- September 22 is Car Free day—got to the Active Transportation Alliance website for details.
- September 26th Green Fair at Cantigny Park
- September 29th Funding announcements will take place at NORTHERN INDIANA

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6. For the Good of the Order.

7. Next Meeting Wednesday, February 3rd, 2010 Location TBD. Future meetings will be scheduled later in the morning to allow for easier commutes and for more people to take the Metra.

8. Adjournment

9. Post meeting tour of Oak Park. After the meeting, President Pope lead a walking tour of Oak Park. The tour started on Marion Street, a former pedestrian mall. Marion Street was one of close to a hundred pedestrian malls created in the 70s with the goal of helping downtown retailers compete with suburban shopping malls. Marion Street suffered the same fate as most of the pedestrian malls leading to an exodus of retailers. In 2007, Marion Street was converted to pedestrian friendly street. The street is paved with bricks similar to their original early 20th century look, and is framed by bluestone sidewalks and granite curbs. Other features include a system to capture and filter storm water for irrigating the trees and plantings, and an under-surface heating system to melt snow and ice from the sidewalks. Even the lighting fixtures are modern reproductions of the fixtures that lined the street in the 1920s. For more information on the Marion Street, please visit [http://www.oak-park.us/Community\\_Services/Planning\\_Marion\\_Street.htm](http://www.oak-park.us/Community_Services/Planning_Marion_Street.htm).

President Pope lead a walking tour of homes designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. The tour included homes on Forest Avenue and Chicago Avenue. We visited the included Frank Lloyd Wright's Home and Studio, as well as the Unity Temple. Please visit the <http://www.oprf.com/index.html> website for more information. Because those who opted not to go on the tour really missed out, we will try to offer the tour again in conjunction with the May Meeting.