

**VILLAGE OF FLOSSMOOR
COMMUNITY RELATIONS GREEN COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES
Tuesday, February 2, 2016**

Present: Committee Members: Maggie Bachus, Chair; Ernie Ratowitz; Jennifer Molski; Linda Tyson, Tyler Thompson, and Brian Zakem
Absent: Gregg Calpino, Beatrice Tayui, and Carrie Malfeo

Also Present: Kimberly Richardson, Assistant to the Village Manager

Call to Order - Committee Chair Maggie Bachus called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm

Citizens Present Wishing to Address the Committee - N/A

I. Approval of December 16, 2015 minutes

The Committee approved the December 16, 2015 minutes.

II. Open Items

A. Campaigns

1. Start a Bag Habit

The Flossmoor Library will receive their plastic bag collection box in April. The plastic bag collection at the Village Hall has been well received and requires a weekly pickup. The plastic bags are taken to Kohl's store, a Trex collection site. The committee will continue to look for other locations for plastic bag collection sites. Committee member, Carrie Malfeo plans to work with Deborah Hampton to create a garden themed display for the glass case at the entrance of the Library.

2. Recycle Right

Maggie Bachus finalized the approval to use Parker Jr. High parking lot for the Recyclepolooza event on May 14 from 10 am to 1 pm. Maggie updated the committee on their assignments and timeline for confirmation with their assigned vendor.

B. Collaborations

1. How to Recycle Videos

Maggie is working with the HFHS broadcast students to create short videos on recycling right. She received script feedback from Homewood Disposal with their approved recycling items list.

2. MLK Day – Maggie updated the committee on the MLK Day event. At the Village Hall, Carrie and other volunteers created plarn out of used plastic bags for the plastic mats. The activity was a huge success and many of the volunteers wanted help with the creation of the mats.

3. Tree Recycling – Jennifer Molski informed the Committee that over 700 trees were collected and shredded into mulch by the HF Park District and 1,300 pounds of holiday light also collected to be recycled.

III. New Business

Earth Day activities were discussed. Our focus this year would be promoting Recyclepalooza and the plastic bag recycling locations throughout the village. Carrie plans on working with Flossmoor Library to reserve the glass cabinet for an organic gardening/ garden display and is working with the HF Viking Garden students to play an activity during the month of April.

IV. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.