

St. Clair Shores Waterfront Environmental Committee

ANNUAL REPORT

2015

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Our best wishes for a clean lake and an educated community.

Sincerely,
St. Clair Shores Waterfront Environmental Committee

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To: Brent Avery, Plant Manager, Chapaton Retention Basin
Margi Armstrong, Lake St. Clair Community Organizer, Clean Water Action
Bryan Babcock, Director, St. Clair Shores DPW
Chris Bunch, Six Rivers Regional Land Conservancy
Lillian & Joe Claycomb, St. Clair Shores Beautification Commission
Tom Cleaver, President, We Are Here Foundation, Inc.
Lillian Dean, Coordinator, Healthy Lawns and Gardens
Annette DeMaria, Environmental Consulting Technology, Inc.
Tim Dorner, Superintendent, St. Clair Shores Golf Course
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Mark Hackel, Macomb County Executive
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Ken Kmieske, Past Commodore, Jefferson Yacht Club
Steve Marino, County Commissioner, St. Clair Shores
Doug Martz, Former Chairperson, Macomb County Water Quality Board
Barbara Matthews, Macomb County DPW Environmental Education Coordinator
Bryan Mazey, Lac Ste. Clair Kiwanis Club
Terry McFadden, MDNR Wildlife Biologist for Lake St. Clair
Sarah Roberts, State Representative, District 24
Mike Smith, City Manager of St. Clair Shores
Steve Stewart, Southeast Michigan Sea Grant Agent
Mike Thomas, MDNR Fisheries Biologist for Lake St. Clair
Anne Vaara, Executive Director, Clinton River Watershed Council
Kip Walby, Mayor, City of St. Clair Shores

January 4, 2016

Subj: Annual Waterfront Environmental Committee Meeting with Resource Members and Guests

Your role as a Resource Member of the Waterfront Environmental Committee is a very important one. The committee depends on its resource members as sounding boards, for advice, recommendations, information and sometimes for financial support.

Please attend the Annual Meeting for the
Waterfront Environmental Committee Resource Members and Guests
St. Clair Shores City Hall
Council Chambers
Thursday, January 21st, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

Attached is a copy of the meeting agenda. The meeting will last a little more than one hour. We hope that you can find the time to attend this once a year meeting. We also like to thank you for your commitment and continued support.

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St. Clair Shores Waterfront Environmental Committee 2016 Annual Meeting Agenda

Thursday, January 21, 2015, 4:00 p.m., City Council Chambers

Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance & Introductions.....Mark Balon

Financial Report.....Erin Stahl

Project Updates

Social media networking (Review Links -Below.....Erich Eggert

- www.facebook.com
- <http://www.scswec.org/> or .com

Kayak Grant Initiative.....Christian de Ron

Rain Barrel project.....Mark Balon

Storm Drain Stenciling & Decal Program.....Joe St John

- Nicole Rakozy from Lakeview HS,
- Gail Ashburn from South Lake HS.
- Ben Simmons & Eagle Scouts from Lake Shore District

I94 Expressway Entrance/Exit Ramp Cleanup.....Erin Stahl

Annual Nautical Coast Cleanup.....Kevin Hertel/Dave Rubello

Lake Kiosk Water Shed Map.....Dave Rubello

Guest Speakers

Sander Levin - Congressman (Great Lakes Restoration Initiative)

Sarah Roberts - State Representative (Nuclear Power Plant on Lake St.Clair)

Kevin Bunch – Clinton River Water Conservatory (Lake Levels)

Mike Thomas – Fisheries Biologist (Fish Change in Population)

Presentation of “Student Scholarship Awards”

State Representative..... Sarah Roberts

We Are Here Foundation President.....Tom Cleaver

Macomb County Commissioner (For St. Clair Shores).....Steve Marino

Adjourn

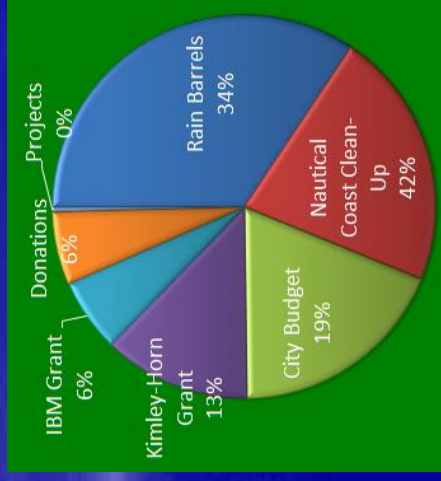
St. Clair Shores
Waterfront Environmental
Committee

Annual Meeting
January 21, 2016

2015 Financial Statement

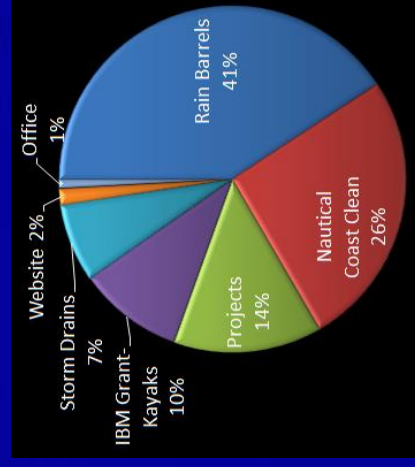
Revenue :

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|-------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| ● Rain Barrels Sold (2015: 94 since 2013: 217) | \$ 5,538.50 |
| ● Donation: Nautical Coast Cleanup--Tom Cleaver | \$ 3,500.00 |
| ● City of St. Clair Shores | \$ 3,000.00 |
| ● Grant: Kimley-Horn Foundation | \$ 2,000.00 |
| ● Grant: Corporate – Kayaks | \$ 1,000.00 |
| ● Project reimbursement from Cool Cities | \$ 500.00 |
| ● Donation: Kiwanis Club of Lac Ste. Claire | \$ 300.00 |
| ● Donation: Kristina & Alan Simmons | \$ 100.00 |
| ● Donation: Save Lake St. Clair | \$ 65.00 |
| ● Donation: Loretta Lorenzo | \$ 50.00 |



Expenses :

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|------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| ● Rain Barrels Buy (2015: 104 since 2013: 294) | \$ 5,505.83 |
| ● Nautical Coast Clean up | \$ 3,500.00 |
| ● Projects: Window stickers, Bags, & T-shirts | \$ 1,869.05 |
| ● Grant: Kayaks, Canoes, & Supplies | \$ 1,328.66 |
| ● Storm Drains: Decals & Door Hangers | \$ 997.25 |
| ● Website | \$ 202.22 |
| ● Supplies: Envelopes, Stamps | \$ 113.33 |



2015 Ending Balance On Record

\$ 10,560.57

2015 Contributors

- Tom Cleaver,
- We Are Here Foundation
- Jefferson Yacht Club
- Lac Ste Claire Kiwanis
- Nino Salvaggio's
- Rizzo Enviro Services
- Advanced Aquatics Dive
- Kristina & Alan Simmons
- Loretta Lorenzo
- Sarah Roberts
- Steve Marino
- Gilberts Hardware
- City of S.C.S.
- Macomb County DPW
- IBM Corporation
- Kimley-Horn Foundation
- PIP Printing
- Allegra Printing
- Donut Express
- Chicken Shack
- P2 Apparel
- MDOT
- Save Lake St. Clair
- Cool Cities Committee

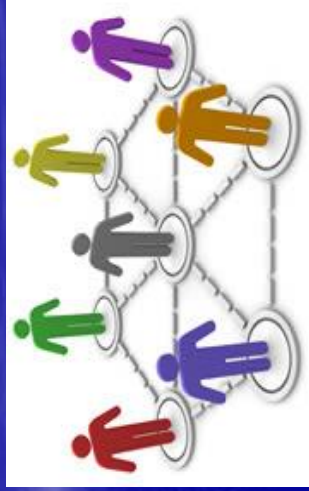
Adopt-a-Highway I94 Expressway Entrance/Exit Ramp Cleanup 2015 Final Report



Goals 2012 2013 2014 2015

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|---------------------|----|----|----|----|
| 5 Clean-up days | 5 | 6 | 5 | 6 |
| 108+ Bags of trash | 93 | 84 | 90 | 73 |
| 35 Total volunteers | 53 | 61 | 63 | 37 |

Facebook Social Networking



- www.facebook.com – 522 Followers
- <http://www.scswec.org/> or [.com](http://www.scswec.org)
- Twitter - [@scswec1996](https://twitter.com/scswec1996)

St. Clair Shores Waterfront Environmental Committee

Keeping Lake St. Clair clean is a community affair. Committees like ours don't cost the taxpayers a dime. [»](#)
—Joe St. John

HOME ABOUT GET INVOLVED

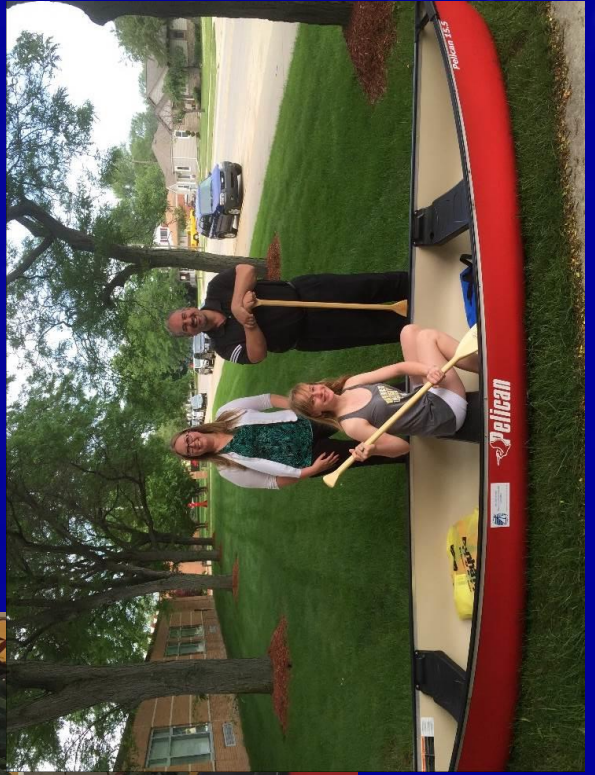
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Our Group: Meet: 6:30pm - 3rd Tues. @ SCS Library

Our Mission: Having Fun While Making a Difference!

Activities: This list details a majority of our recent

Kayak/Canoe Grant Program



St. Clair Shores Rain Barrel Initiative



Storm Drain Stenciling Promotes Community Awareness



2015 Activity Report

- 5/8/15** – Joe stenciled pavement in front of drain in grass behind Lake Shore H.S. parking lot (resident called about it)
- 8/9/15** – Joe stenciled 4 drains around City Hall, 4 drains around DPW building, 1 drain in front of Civic Arena
- 8/24/15** – Joe and Addison stenciled Lakeshire
- 8/31/15** – Rachel Hakim, Lacey Wojt and Julia Englehard
Stenciled from Frazho to 11 mile road between Manhattan and Harper
- 10/8/15** – Nicole Rakozy and the Lakeview High School NHS 20 volunteers
Stenciled from 11 Mile Road to 10 1/2 and from Little Mack to the I94
- 10/17/15 and 10/25/15** – Ben Simmons, Troop #1407, Eagle Scout Project
stenciled from 13 to 14 Mile Road between Harper and Jefferson.
19 volunteers
- 11/3/15** – Gail Ashburn, Dian West (teachers) and South Lake High School students
Stenciled streets around the school 12 volunteers
Mark and Rachel coordination
- 11/5/15** – Johnathan Baur and brothers Jeremiah and Sam – Stenciled California and Maxine streets from Harper to the I94 Expressway

Lakeview High School Students



South Lake High School



Eagle Scout Project Storm Drain Stenciling Ben Simmons – Troop #1407



**To volunteer call
DPW (586) 445-5363**

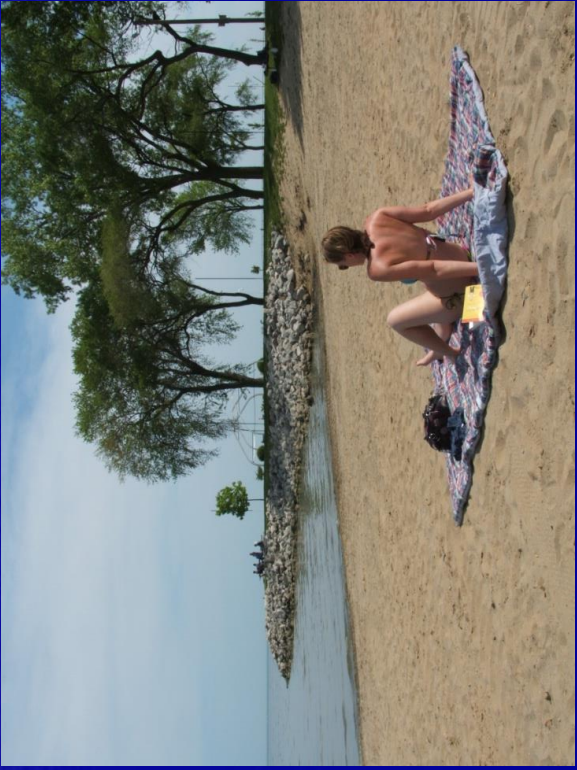


20th Annual Nautical Coast Cleanup Sunday, May 17, 2015

BEFORE



AFTER



20th Annual Nautical Coast Cleanup

- 23.76 tons of trash removed from Lake St. Clair
- Between 150 to 200 volunteers
- 650 Tons in 20 years
- Hosted by Jefferson Yacht Club



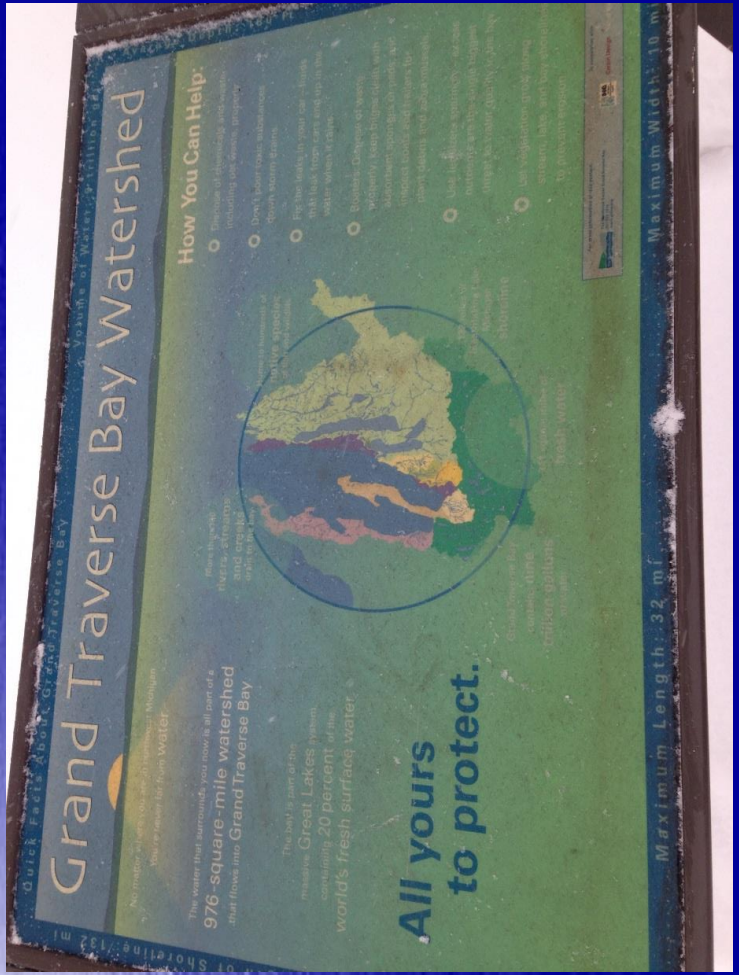
20 Year Milestone Reached Over 628 Tons



Next Annual Nautical Coast Cleanup

THIS YEAR
21st Annual
May 22, 2016

Lake St. Clair Water Shed Kiosk



Speakers

Congressman Levin
Great Lakes Restoration Initiative

Sarah Roberts
State Representative (Nuclear Power Plant on Lake Saint Clair)

Kevin Bunch
Clinton River Water Conservatory (Lake Levels)

Mike Thomas
Fisheries Biologist (Fish Change in Population)

Student Scholarship Award Previous Winners



Volunteer Opportunities

- 21st Annual Nautical Coast Cleanup & Beach Celebration
Call "Trash Headquarters" (586) 779-8777
- Storm Drain Stenciling
Call St. Clair Shores D.P.W. (586) 445-5363
- I94 Expressway Entrance/Exit Cleanup
Call (586) 774-8181
- Email scswateradvisory@lycos.com
Contact @ scswec.org



St. Clair Shores Waterfront Environmental Committee
Committee Meeting Minutes: January 20, 2015; 6:30 SCS Library

Present: Mark Balon, Joe St. John, Mark Hodorek, Peter McInnes, Steve Kiluk, Christian de Ron, Kathy Nixon, Peter Rubino

Others Present: Erin Stahl; Student Liaison: Kelly Rayner, Rachel Balon; Educ. Rep: Keith Rayner

Absent (Approved): Dave Rubello, Kevin Hertel, Erich Eggert

Proceedings: Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mark Balon. December minutes were approved.

1. Joe explained his present situation and how he wanted to move to the position of Chairperson Emeritus. This was discussed by the committee to be important that Joe stay involved with the committees' mission but pass the work to others so they can start to take the lead. Joe said he would give back the committee computer but it was discussed that Joe will need it to document what he had done so others can continue the work of the committee.

2. Mark Balon called for nominations for officers. Mark Balon nominated for chairperson, Steve Kiluk for vice chairperson, Mark Hodorek for treasurer, and Kathy Nixon for recording secretary. Kelly Rayner and Rachel Balon were selected as LSHS student liaison and Joe St. John for Chairperson Emeritus.

Discussions: Everyone was interested to keep involved and participating even if they are not an officer position. Everyone agreed to try out the new officers and we can vote again later in year if any changes are necessary. Committee suggested that Dave Rubello and Aron Stahl put in an application for the committee.

MOTION to accept the nominated members into position was seconded and passed by all.

3. Mark Hodorek presented the financial report.

4. 2014/15 Student Scholarship Program: Joe has 2 checks. Sarah Roberts to drop off a check with Joe.

5. Steve Kiluk reported on the rain barrel project. 27 left and 89 sold in 2014. It was recommended to let the city of SCS take over the project but have committee keep involved to assist and promote this important program. The financial discussion for the project was tabled for February's meeting.

6. The agenda for 2014 Annual Meeting scheduled for Jan. 22 discussed.

Steve will run the slide program

Joe will open the meeting and present Mark as the new Chairperson

We will need a new committee photo taken after the Annual Meeting.

7. Christian will continue with the canoe project.

8. Other Business

Banner for the 20th Annual Nautical Coast Cleanup across Jefferson is out, conflict with parade banner. To discuss at the next meeting.

Christian will get an update from Margie on the shopping bag give-away for parade day.

-Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm

-Next Monthly Meeting – Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the SCS library.

-Minutes submitted by Secretary, Kathy Nixon

St Clair Shores Waterfront Environmental Committee
Committee Meeting Minutes: February 17, 2015, 6:30 SCS Library

Present: Mark Balon, Erich Eggert, Peter McInnes, Steve Kiluk, Christian de Ron, Kathy Nixon,
Absent (Approved): Kevin Hertel, Mark Hodorek, Peter Rubino
Others Present: I-94 Clean Up: Erin Stahl; Jill Wrubel: Chaplain, Dave Rubello, Nico Rubello, Student
Liaison: Kelly Rayner, Rachel Balon; Educ Rep: Keith Rayner

Proceedings: ☐Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Chair, Mark Balon.☐Mark led the pledge of allegiance and Jill spoke of relaxation. (January) meeting minutes were approved☐

1. Peter McInnes would like term limits set for elected officers.

-New Shirts for Committee: Name Badges have been ordered at a cost of \$7.50 each. However, shirts not ordered until confirmation from each by the next meeting. They are long sleeve with the committee's logo and individual's name at a cost of \$31.00 (tax included). This cost is higher than originally estimated. Existing list for shirts: Jill Wrubel - badge order (shirt not requested), Kathy Nixon (misses 12), Christian de Ron (Men's XL), Nico Rubello (Medium), Erin Stahl - (Ladies Large), Mark Balon - (Men's XL), Rachel Balon (Ladies Medium).

2. Mark Balon introduced the student liaisons: Kelly Rayner for LSHS and Rachel Balon for LHS student. Heidi has submitted an application to join the committee.

3. Mark Hodorek absent for financial report update.

4. Discussion on rain barrels. There are 27 left. Dave Rubello suggested presence at the Cobo boat show, Metro Beach and other events to promote the sale of rain barrels.

- Mark will contact the high schools. Mark made a motion to spend part of the \$2,000 donation from his company Kimley-Horn to purchasing rain barrels to place at some schools as a way to promote community awareness. Kelly and Rachel to speak to administrators on how to promote the rain barrels at their schools. Erin will donate the stencils needed for the rain barrels.

5. Nautical Coast Clean up Discussion:

-Jill is making contact with companies for food donations.

-Peter wants to see more PR for clean up to bring more environmental awareness to all communities, schools, and other volunteer groups. Kelly will contact Macomb explorers group.

-Next meeting will discuss new t-shirt design for cleanup with decision for sponsors names on shirts.

-Erin needs to know how many signs are needed for clean up.

6. (Erin Change) Erin-Freeway clean up. The application for the license will be submitted. The WEC would like to see a roadside sign posted at 10 & I-94 that recognizes the efforts of the volunteers. Erin will look into the new placement idea.7. Christian and Joe are talking to a class in April. Currently 1canoe at LSHS & LHS and kayak at SLHS.

8. Other Business

-Ideas discussed on how to get scholarship information out to students. Have scholarships applications available at the clean up.

-Peter made motion to have 2 alternate positions when quorum is not met. Motion to accept the proposal was seconded and passed with Stahl and Rubello for the positions. Mark to talk to city (Results were that committee meeting recommended 2 positions to council for approval, City did not recommend odd number of committee members for voting issues and encourages subcommittees to get people involved).

-Mark also asked to see if committee members can have business cards to promote community awareness and message to community - City identified business cards are not for committee members.

-Mark would like to locate other printing companies that are open later in the evening.

-Meeting Adjourned at 8:09 pm

-Next Monthly Meeting – Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the SCS library.

-Minutes submitted by Secretary, Kathy Nixon

St Clair Shores Waterfront Environmental Committee
Committee Meeting Minutes: March 17, 2015, 6:30 SCS Library

Present: Mark Balon, Erich Eggert, Peter McInnes, Steve Kiluk, Christian de Ron, Kathy Nixon, Peter Rubino & Mark Hodorek

Absent (Approved): Kevin Hertel

Others Present: I-94 Clean Up: Erin Stahl, Dave Rubello, and Student Liaison: Rachel Balon

Proceedings: *Meeting called to order* at 6:38 p.m. by Steve Kiluk. · Steve led the pledge of allegiance. March meeting minutes were approved.

1. Financial report update from Mark Hodorek. The city council is considering voting for donated 3,000 to the committee. The balance as of 3/17/2015: \$11,148.07

2. Peter McInnes distributed badges.

3. Rain barrel update- Steve Kiluk. There are 22 rain barrels remaining in storage and one on display at Lakeview HS. Mark will set up rain barrels in the other two high schools. There was discussion to distribute rain barrels to schools outside of SCS in an effort to educate students on the green initiative. Mark wants a rain barrel displayed at the nautical coast clean up.

4. Erin Stahl wants to produce and pass out door hangers before the clean-up. The cost of the door hangers in 2014 was \$318.00. Erin will have estimate for this year printing cost of door hangers at the next meeting.

***Motion** from Mark Balon: To approve \$400.00 printing cost to spend on 5,000 door hangers for the nautical coast clean up. Motion carried. Erin will go forward and have door hangers printed up for distribution before the cleanup in May.

Freeway cleanup starts on May 9; 2nd Saturday of the month.

5. Christian reported on the kayak/canoe project. He will be applying for the IBM grant which supports the project when it opens in April.

He will also talk with Margie on the bag project which is scheduled for distribution at the SCS Memorial parade.

6. Lake Cleanup: Christian also suggested no front loader at the beach on cleanup day because it delays the volunteers from getting started.

Mark Hodorek suggests the music/DJ selection be targeted to the students.

7. ***Motion** from Mark Balon: To excuse members not in attendance. (Kevin Hertel) Motion carried by all.

8. Eric reported that he is building a new website for the committee.

9. Discussed to increase the size of the committee with 2 additional alternate positions. Alternate positions would have to be approved by sub committees. Mark recommended connecting by ipod or other such media to allow for conference calls for members that cannot attend the monthly meetings since conference calls allowed for some if needed by City standards for committee.

10. The committee discussed other content of letter from the city in regards to being in compliance with the rules of conducting meetings.

11.*Motion from Mark Balon to order 120 shirts for the cleanup with the saying “No Dumping –Drains to Lake” with the Fish picture on it. Motion seconded by Mark Hodorek. 8 approve 1 oppose

The shirts will be purchased at a cost not to exceed \$600.00. Dave Rubello to follow up on the ordering of the shirts.

-Meeting Adjourned at 8:21 pm

-Next Monthly Meeting – Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the SCS library.

-Minutes submitted by Secretary, Kathy Nixon

St Clair Shores Waterfront Environmental Committee
Committee Meeting Minutes: April 21, 2015, 6:30 SCS Library

Present: Mark Balon, Erich Eggert, Stephen Kiluk, Heidi McInnes, Peter McInnes, Christian de Ron, Peter Rubino, Joe St. John

Absent (Approved): Kevin Hertel, Mark Hodorek, Kathy Nixon

Others Present: LHS Student Liaison Rachel Balon, Ken Kmieske, Keith Rayner, LSHS Student Liaison Kelly Rayner, Dave Rubello (via conference call), Griffin Salk, Michael Tances, Jr., Jill Wrubel

1. Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mark Balon. Mark read the group's mission statement and led the pledge of allegiance. Jill recited words of encouragement.

2. March, 2015 monthly meeting minutes were approved.

3. Griffin Salk is now an Eagle Scout and reported on his project with wren houses. He has built 11 houses and plans to construct a minimum of 20 altogether. These are to be placed in residential backyards. 14 will be placed in the Harper Woods and St. Clair Shores area. He plans to place 6 at the Gilbert's Sportsman Club at 26 Mile and Omo Road. Boy Scout Troop 273 plans to monitor the houses at the 26 Mile location. Griffin has kept detailed records and taken pictures of the project, which he will bring to our next meeting. Michael Tances, Jr., Scout Leader for Boy Scout Troop 273 is also in attendance. As to the construction of the houses, the clean out is on the bottom, and the side swings open so that the inside of the boxes can be viewed. If any of the committee members would like a wren house to place on their property, they should advise Griffin. Griffin will present this project at the 2016 annual meeting.

4. No financial report. However, Peter Rubino indicates that the \$3,000 donation from city council has not yet been approved and will be voted on at the end of June, 2015.

5. The Rain Barrel Project was discussed. Mark B. reported on 2 rain barrels constructed at Ardmore School and distributed photos of the project. Mark B. also reported that the schools would like additional rain barrels. Motion for allocation of \$400 to install 4 additional rain barrels at schools (Rain barrels are \$55 apiece; extra material to install is approx. \$45); (M. Balon 1st; P. McInnes 2nd – Passed). Stephen K. will report at next meeting as to additional work of putting additional materials on rain barrels stored by the City. In order to obtain a rain barrel, you pay \$55 at City Hall and then take receipt to DPW to get barrel.

6. 20th Annual Nautical Coast Clean-Up – May 17, 2015. Jill Wrubel has been arranging for donations of sign and food items. Jill obtained 3 bids for T-shirts. PIP Printing will print signs and T-shirts. Donated food items will be obtained from The Wine Dock, Mikes Waterfront, Fishbones, Bryan Mazey, Ninos. Jill is still waiting to

hear back from Detroit Coney Island, Rams Horn, Eastside Bagel and Costco. Food items will include hot dogs, chicken, subs. Tom Cleaver and the We Are Here Foundation annual contribute \$2,000.00 toward costs of the Nautical Coast Clean-Up. 24 Trash Captain Shirts will be printed (8 Medium, 8 Large, 8 XL). 200 volunteers shirts will be produced (100 Medium; 100 Large). The committee voted to have white T-shirts as they are the cheapest to produce; (M. Balon 1st; P. McInnes 2nd – Passed). Jill also indicated that in the future we should consider order pins and visors for cleanup. Dave Rubello will be getting prices for the DJ. Joe spoke to Brent Avery. There will be one front-end loader for the Blossom Heath location. Ron Dempske will be contacted to have 1 or 2 loaders for Veterans Memorial Park. Ron will attend our next meeting prior to the clean-up. Peter Rubino indicated that the front end loaders should do their job prior to the volunteers being on site and it is important for them to confirm this. Divers and tow truck are in place. There will be a walk through prior to the clean-up. Joe will take care of press release. Joe indicated that banners have been put up at Veterans, JYC, Island Harbor Marina, Civic Arena, the Dive Shop, the fence on Jefferson and there is one more in very good condition to use for presentation at the City Council Meeting. Peter Rubino will make sure this event is on the May 5th City Council Agenda at the beginning of the meeting. Christian, Erin, Heidi & Peter plan to attend. All committee members are encouraged to attend and bring rake, bucket, gloves. Joe got 2 permits, one to hold the event and one for putting up the banners. Joe will take the banners down after the event. If anyone sees banners that are not positioned correctly, either fix the problem or advise Joe and he will fix. Jill had 3,000 fliers printed. Eric had 5,000 door hangers printed. These materials can be distributed beyond SCS borders (Eastpointe, Grosse Pointe, etc.). For future reference, Ken Kmieske needs to be advised of the clean-up date and meetings well in advance so that JYC can reserve the location. C & G News will put ad for event in their Grosse Pointe, Roseville and Eastpointe papers as a trade-off that C & G can put their name on that ad. Committee members should plan on being at JYC at 7 am. Food items will be picked up by Joe and Tom Cleaver on Saturday. Joe, Erin, Mark B. and Christian will move equipment on Friday and Saturday (to Veterans and Blossom Heath). The equipment will be returned at 2 pm after the event. The DJ should plan to arrive at JYC at 11 am. DJ will play until 1 pm. Joe will call Sue Fickau.

7. Erin printed 500 cards with dates of Freeway Clean-Up. The first date is May 12th. Erin needs applications for scholarships and kayaks.

8. Christian reported on canoe/kayak project that he can apply for IBM grant for canoe project at the end of April. Christian has the Power Point Presentation and will send press release about project.

9. New members are Erin Stahl and Heidi McInnes.

10. Peter M distributed badges and will be ordering shirts for those who requested.

11. Christian will follow-up with Margi on the bag project.
12. Committee will not enter a float in the parade due to lack of interest.
13. Peter M. reported that there is a homeowner who noticed a drain behind Lake Shore High School that needs to have stencil. Joe will follow-up.
14. Motion to excuse members: Kevin Hertel, Mark Hodorek, Kathy Nixon (Mark Balon 1st; Heidi McInnes 2nd; Passed)
15. Motion to increase budget to \$900 to order 120 Drain Stenciling shirts (30 Medium, 60 Large, 30 XL). Mark B. 1st; Peter M. 2nd – Passed.
16. Erin reported that new website is in place: www.scswec.org – we need to get rid of angelfire website or direct traffic to the new site.
17. Flier was distributed for Hazardous Waste Disposal date of May 16th from 9 am – 1 pm at Civic Arena Parking Lot.
18. Kelly reported that Bethel Lutheran Church (at Frazho and 11 Mile) will be repurposing Latex paint for projects. Bring Latex Paint on 4/25/15 at 12:00 noon - \$5 donation requested.
19. The bonfire incident on the ice consisting of debris from fires and trash leftover by partying was cleaned up by the waterfront neighbors before it had a chance to melt and fall into the water, preventing a toxic incident into Lake St. Clair.
20. Joe reported about another invasive species, the Lion Fish, which are in the warm waters of Florida and the Caribbean. This is another example of an attack on the native species by an invasive species.
21. Mark made motion to request grant from his company for up to \$1,000 for buses to take special needs individuals to annual fishing derby. (M. Balon 1st; P. McInnes 2nd – Passed).

Next meeting will be May 12th at 6:30 p.m. at SCS Public Library.

- Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.
- Minutes submitted by Heidi McInnes

St Clair Shores Waterfront Environmental Committee
Committee Meeting Minutes: May 12, 2015, 6:30 SCS Library

Present: Mark Balon, Erich Eggert, Heidi McInnes, Peter McInnes, Christian de Ron, Joe St. John, Kathy Nixon, Kevin Hertel Mark Hodorek

Absent (Approved): Peter Rubino, Stephen Kiluk

Others Present: LHS Student Liaison Rachel Balon, Ken Kmieske, Keith Rayner, LSHS Student Liaison Kelly Rayner, Jr., Jill Wrubel

1. Meeting called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Mark Balon. Mark read the mission statement and led the pledge of allegiance. Jill recited words of peace and hope.

2. April 2015 monthly meeting minutes were approved.

3. Financial report update-Mark H. balance \$8,148.07 Allegra printing made a donation of \$12.50. The reimbursement procedure is to give the bills to Mark and Mark will give to Greg Esler. It takes 6 weeks to process reimbursement. Bills to be paid: Erin Stahl: \$200.00 for website & \$381.41 for door hangers.

Joe: \$510.00 for no dumping t-shirts

Tom Cleaver will pay for the clean up t-shirts \$1,200.00 & flyers \$210.00.

4. Rain Barrel Project-Steve K. excused absence

5. Freeway Clean up-Erin-1st cleanup-6 volunteers, 14 bags of trash. Cleaned up 9 & 10 Mile Road. Next clean up is June 13.

6. Canoe project-Christian- tentative date to teach class is May 21 @9:15 am. Nicole to confirm date & time. For the class.

Christian to apply for grant after the class. Margi has committed to 500 bags with logo.

7. Peter distributed the shirts.

Joe discussed where he has been doing the stenciling of the storm drains.

Heidi is now in charge of the scholarship program.

8. Six members from our committee attended the city council meeting on May 4.

9. Lake clean up-May 17-Jill Wrubel discussed in detail all the duties for clean up day along with food donations. Food donations are coming from:

Rams Horn, Donut Express, Eastside Bagel, Nino's, Fishbones, Chicken Shack, Tubby's & Kiwanis.

Chris Large is the contact on clean up day for Tom Cleaver who is unable to attend. The budget from Tom Cleaver is \$3,500.00. Any extra monies will go towards paying bills.

10 New Business: New website SCSWEC.org

Mark, Erin, Erich to have access to website.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05

Minutes submitted by K. Nixon

Next meeting- Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the SCS library

St Clair Shores Waterfront Environmental Committee
Committee Meeting Minutes: June 16, 2015; 6:30 SCS Library

Present: Mark Balon (phone), Erich Eggert, Heidi & Peter McInnes, Christian de Ron, Joe St. John, Kathy Nixon, Mark Hodorek, Peter Rubino Stephen Kiluk

Absent (Approved): Kevin Hertel, Kelly Rayner

Others Present: LHS Student Liaison Rachel Balon, Jr., Jill Wrubel

1. Meeting called to order at 6:38 p.m. by Joe St. John. Joe read the mission statement and led the pledge of allegiance. Jill recited a quote from Ben Franklin.

2. May 2015 monthly meeting minutes were approved.

3. Financial report update-Mark H. balance \$7,700.00 (w/o the \$3,000 that is expected from the city)

Discussion of the clean up; suggestions & comments:

Have food cut up ahead of time, more serving space, have radios at all clean up sites, more rakes and pitch forks, boom box worked good, get leaf bags for next year, minimum of 3 dumpsters for Blossom Heath site, volunteers cleaned up the coast guard rode.

Joe-order flyers early for next year, door hangers not as effective. Ask Dave Rubello to put a write up in the C&G paper thanking all volunteers. The date for next years clean up is May 22, 2016.

Peter-look into ways to get more students involved in the clean up; target students in environmental programs. Erin-set up email list from registration slips.

Jill wrote personal thank you notes to all businesses that made donations.

Christian-Post on the Cable channel a "thank you" to everyone who volunteered and list all businesses that made donations to the clean up. Mary Jane is the contact for the cable channel at the city office.

A "Thank You" to all volunteers & businesses will be posted on the web site.

4. Rain Barrel Project-Steve reported there is a lot of interest in the rain barrel. Peter Rubino will check with the city on the money collected from the sale of the rain barrels.

5. Freeway Clean up -Erin reported at the 2nd clean up there were 8 volunteers and 8 bags of trash. New York Deli business owner offered up lunch to all the volunteers. Next clean up is July 11.

6. Canoe project-Christian reported that IBM approved the \$1,000 grant. It is suggested to buy a 2-person kayak for the next award project and also include North Lake HS. This project is to promote students to get out on the water.

The canoe awards went to: Kaleb Stump, from Lakeview HS and Kelly Rayner from Lake Shore HS. There were no applications submitted from South Lake HS.

7. Mark H. received an email from Margie in regards to a letter to President Obama to generate conversation. It was suggested to write to the EPA or the local State Representative. Table until next month.

8. Christian will update the bag project at the next meeting.

9. Joe reported that Ben Simmons is using the drain stenciling for his Eagle Scout project.

10. Mark is applying for Grant from Kimberly Horn; some of the monies will be used for the cost of the door hangers. (\$300.), rain barrels, other publications etc.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Minutes submitted by K. Nixon

Next meeting- Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the SCS library

St Clair Shores Waterfront Environmental Committee
Committee Meeting Minutes: July 21, 2015, 6:30 SCS Library

Present: Mark Balon, Erich Eggert, Heidi & Peter McInnes, Christian de Ron, Joe St. John, Kathy Nixon, Mark Hodorek and Kevin Hertel

Absent (Approved): Kelly Rayner, Stephen Kiluk, Jill Wrubel, and Peter Rubino

Others Present: LHS Student Liaison Rachel Balon, Dave Rubello, Guest, Mike from Save Lake St. Clair Organization

1. Meeting called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Mark Balon. Mark led the pledge of allegiance and then read the mission statement.

Mark thanked everyone for attending and discussed using positive language when contributing input so that it comes across as positive and constructive, rather than negative.

Mark introduced Mike, a guest speaker from Save Lake St. Clair Organization. Mike wants to video the Nautical Coast Clean-Up and work with other communities on watershed events.

Mark would like to reach out to other watershed communities and coordinate effects.

2. June 2015 monthly meeting minutes were corrected and approved.

3. Financial report update-Mark H. Mark B received message from Peter R that \$3,000 was approved by the city. Still waiting for \$1,000 from IBM and \$500 from Cool Cities.

4. Rain barrel project-Mark B checked ledger noting Rain barrel sales, also suggested giving away as door prize.

5. Margi reported Cool Cities approved \$500 for the canvas bags. Bags would be printed with SCS Environmental Watershed logo and Cool Cities logo. Cost is .91 each, printing 300 items is \$800. Sample bags will be made available. Target audience will be the farmers market.

Motion by Kevin Hertel seconded by Heidi McInnes to approve \$500 for sample bags. Motion approved.

6. Canoe project- Ideas needed on how to involve students at South Lake HS.

7. Storm drain stenciling-no volunteers; it was suggested to send letters out to volunteer groups looking for opportunities. There was discussion of using spray paint vs. brushing the paint on and also the type of paint that would hold up longer. It was suggested to use plastic material for the label for the drains, although research done had found that metal was more sustainable. Kevin and Mike will work on drain decals and ways to market the stenciling project to the communities.

8. New business:

Joe is interested in partnering with the garden committee to do videos on new law regarding fertilizers.

Training is available through MSU for the Clean Boats, Clean Water volunteers program.

The handicap-fishing derby is to be held on August 12 at Island Harbor marina.

Barb from Lake St. Clair advisory committee has pictures of walleye pond project.

Adopt a Stream training August 17; 6-9; meet at SCS library; sponsored by the Clinton River Watershed Committee.

Mike would like to get funding to test the lake waters. He said the Forlini grant money is exhausted and the government needs to realign funding to remove the muck from the lake.

Mark B has a rough draft of the thank you letter for the clean up. He would like any one interested to join him at the city council meeting, August 3 at 7:00 pm to present a recap of the clean up project in May. Also noted was Gilberts hardware donated 500 trash bags for the clean up.

Heidi –is taking care of communicating scholarship information to the schools and will post on the website.

Christian will check with the local cable channels about effective communication efforts.

Dave R-Post a large map of Lake St. Clair watershed in a high visible area. The map would show what goes into the lake and serve to educate the community. Dave will report back with cost for the project.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm

Minutes submitted by K. Nixon

Next meeting- Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the SCS library

ST. CLAIR SHORES WATERFRONT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
AUGUST MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2015 – 6:30 P.M. IN THE SCS LIBRARY

Members Present: Mark & Rachel Balon, Steve Kiluk, Erich Eggert, Mark Hodorek, Peter & Heidi McInnes, Christian de Ron, Joe St. John, Peter Rubino, Dave Rubello, Erin Stahl (scribe)

Members Absent (Approved): Kevin Hertel, Kathy Nixon, Kelly Rayner, Nicole Rakozy

Guests: Mike Holzhauser

1. Meeting called to order at 6:35pm, pledge of allegiance, and read mission statement.
2. Minutes from the June meeting were approved with these changes (*Add Nicole Rakozy & Erin Stahl to the absent list. Under "8. New Business": change "garden committee" to "Beautification Commission".*)
3. Financial Report—Mark H. (came back to this item several times).
 - There was a lengthy discussion about the rain barrel project being separated from the WEC account.
 - Upon arriving, he verbally went over deposits and expenditures and apologized for not having figures.
 - The motion passed to separate the rain barrel funds and activities from the WEC's account and Steve will get a report several times a year from DPW regarding the status of the program.
4. Rain Barrel Project—Steve mentioned there is confusion with the finances and the barrel counts. All the control is at DPW: ordering, selling, transactions, and storage. If DPW doesn't want it then we'll take it.
5. Bag Update—Jill. Mark B. started the conversation for Jill: the plastic bags are out. Sample bag didn't have a bottom and were \$.90 per bag. Heidi brought in many bags as examples and we agreed that we want a flat bottom in the same material as Jill's sample. Discussion around; if bag is nice, we could spend more.
6. Freeway Ramp Clean-Up—Erin. We had a lot of fun with 7 volunteers picking up 12 bags of debris. State is only mowing 2x a year, concerns with how our city looks & safety. Erin working on 'Flash Mob Mowers'.
7. Canoe Project—Christian. On track to have 3 including one at Northlake (Elmira). Southlake didn't give theirs away. This year we will look at getting either a 2-person kayak or a canoe.
8. Other Comments, Updates, New Items or Ideas, New Business:
 - Drain Stenciling—Joe. Looking for volunteers any time they are available. Joe stenciled the visible areas in front of City Hall, Civic Arena, & DPW. Want to do it in the fall with Rakozy. Discussion regarding how to get volunteers: Dave mentioned New Life Ministry and notifying them and Mark B. and Steve mentioned high schools and National Honor Society—you have to give them information at the right time. Giving the info. out in October so they can plan ahead for next spring.
 - Announcement from Joe about August 30th Heritage Day –Huron Point Sportsman Association
 - Bumper stickers—Joe. Lots of suggestions especially liked it smaller & "cleaner". Joe will e-mail ideas and bring back window sticker idea back to group with prices.
 - Handicap Fishing Derby—Dave. It went very well. 27 boats—needed more boats for the amount of kids.
 - Nautical Coast Clean-up stats—Erin gave report from the registration slips turned in and will e-mail it to the group. Hope it will help for next year. Stats included: male v female, students, groups, cities, location, etc.
 - Mike Holzhauser owns 200 ft of shoreline next to Veterans Park & Lac St. Clair. He is working with Master Gardeners to do plans to build a natural habitat on this property and thought the WEC could give some great input, tell your volunteers, or turn it into a project. They've done D-Day reenactments on the land.
 - General discussion regarding the committee's finances and various ideas for projects.
 - Detroit Riverwalk signage idea—Dave. Brought pictures and talked about "Riverwalk signage" for SCS similar to Detroit, the zoo, museums, etc. Would like to see Lake St. Clair to Lake Huron (the "corridor" signage (not watershed). Nice solid, educational, & permanent \$1,000-&4,000. Discussion brought up some great ideas including 1) map describing lake/corridor 2) plants & animals and 3) How to protect
8. Next Monthly Meeting – Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Clair Shores Library
9. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

St. Clair Shores Waterfront Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 15, 2015 – 6:30 P.M. IN THE SCS Public Library

Members Present: Mark Balon, Rachel Balon, Erich Eggert, Mark Hodorek,

Joe St. John, Dave Rubello, Erin Stahl, Kevin Hertel, Kathy Nixon

Members Absent (Approved): Steve Kiluk, Peter & Heidi McInnes, Christian de Ron, Jill Wrubel, Peter Rubino,
Nicole Rakozy

Guest: Brendan Maletski

1. Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm, pledge of allegiance, and mission statement read.
 2. Minutes from the August meeting were approved.
 3. Treasurer Report- Mark is resigning from his position, as Treasurer effective once a replacement is selected. **Mark B would like to make a motion at the October meeting to transfer the treasurer responsibilities to another member until the next election of officers.** Erin Stahl is interested in being nominated. Mark provided the treasurer reports for review.
 4. Mark B ordered bags from Oriental Trading Company and is having them printed at Allegra.
 5. Freeway Ramp Clean-Up—Erin reported there were 7 volunteers & 13 bags of trash. Councilman Vitale is instrumental in promoting the clean up. A resident donated hostas for the beautification of the area. Next freeway clean up is Saturday, October 10 from 10 am-12 pm. Erin is donating money towards the printing of post cards for the I-94 clean up. She has also applied for grants to construct an educational waterpark. Location and design are TBD.
 7. Discussion of the annual meeting and guest speakers.
 - Invite a speaker from MSU, U of M or WSU.
 - Present the plaques at the meeting.Bring ideas to the next meeting.
 8. Unfinished business: Dave Rubello continues to research material and information that will be noted on the watershed plaque to be erected at Memorial Park. **He would like to have a motion made at the next meeting to approve 4500 for two plaques.**
 9. Bumper sticker: Joe presented the designs for the bumper sticker “We love Lake St. Clair.” Printing cost for 2000 stickers would be \$500-\$1000. **A motion was made to approve \$1,000 for printing of the bumper stickers. All passed motion.** Joe will work with a team of 3 to finalize the design.
 10. Drain stenciling: Nicole Rakozy will be drain stenciling the 2nd week of October.
Rachel Hakim from MCC Team Green is participating in the drain stencil project.
 11. Rain Barrel update- Motion was approved for Mark B, to buy 5 more rain barrels at a cost of \$500 as part of his foundation contribution from his company Kimley-Horn.
 12. Website update: Erin reported that the city website is updated with committees new website address. Angelfire still being used and the two sites are hyperlinked. Web sites will be combined to eliminate duplication.
- Other Comments, Updates, New Items or Ideas, New Business:
- Greenwood Elementary needs a speaker (Joe) and a rain barrel.
 - Joe attended the water festival at MCC in June.
 - We will see if Brendan Maletski will be the Southlake Liaison and vote him in at the next meeting.
8. Next Monthly Meeting – Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.at St. Clair Shores Library
 9. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

St. Clair Shores Waterfront Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 15, 2015 – 6:30 p.m. SCS Public Library

Members Present: Mark Balon, Rachel Balon, Erich Eggert, Mark Hodorek, Christian de Ron, Jill Wrubel, Peter Rubino, Kathy Nixon, Joe St. John, Dave Rubello, Erin Stahl, Kevin Hertel & Brendan Maletski
Members Absent (Approved): Peter & Heidi McInnes, Nicole Rakozy

1. Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm, pledge of allegiance, words of encouragement and a moment of silence.
2. **Minutes** from the September meeting were approved.
3. **Annual meeting discussion.** Date: Thurs., Jan. 21, 2016 at 4:00 pm. - Joe will go to clerk's office to reserve the chamber room; Reviewed last year's PowerPoint; Showed demo of drain stenciling and rain barrel project; Reviewed Eagle Scout wood duck project; Discussed Nautical Coast clean up; Dave R will talk arrange for Kevin Bunch to speak at the meeting
4. **Treasurer Report** - Mark H - \$11,206.22 Balance per city; \$998.40 income; \$2,575.00 expense; payment made for rain barrels - cost will be separated out on the financial reports; Pam at the city will be providing monthly financials; Erin presented a sample of an excel spreadsheet to list all incomes and expenditures for the committee; Christian was reimbursed \$1,328.66 for kayaks; Joe to submit bill for window stickers, 6000 at a cost of \$775.00.
5. **Election for new positions:**
Treasurer - Mark H resigned and will remain on the committee
Vice Chairperson - Steve Kiluk has resigned.
 - Motion made and passed to appoint Brendan Maletski as the student liaison for Southlake HS.
 - Motion made and passed to appoint Erin Stahl to the position of treasurer pending her position City approval position.
 - Motion made and passed to appoint Christian to the position of Vice Chairperson.
 - Mark B discussed the importance of being more positive at the meetings. We need to be supportive of all committee members, as we are all volunteers.
7. **Rain Barrel Project** - Mark Balon would like the SCSWEC sticker placed on all rain barrels that are presently stored at the DPW. The sticker and future Barrels will be placed in a strategic area to further market them to the public. Mr. Cleaver would provide assistance installing them for future projects. Mark placed a rain barrel at Greenwood Elementary School. He would also like to provide rain barrels to all the schools in the city. Contact Mark for a rain barrel.
8. **Bags** - Mark B had 144 bags printed as approved by the committee with Cool Cities. The bags are printed with the Cool City logo and SCSWEC logo. Margi will work with Mark on when and where the bags will be distributed to promote our committees messages. Rachel identified that it would be a good idea to have a new WEC catchy emblem and possible a competition for students to develop one to assist in spreading our message to the community.
9. **Freeway clean up** - Erin - The last freeway cleanup was held on Saturday, October 10. There were 5 volunteers that attended and 21 bags of trash collected. Volunteers cleaned up at the areas of 10, 11 & 12 mile road. For 2015 there was a total of 73 bags of trash and 37 volunteers that participated in the clean ups.
10. **Drain stenciling** – Joe - Nicole Rakozy with 19 students stenciled drains 11 mile & Frazho - Little Mack & I-94. Ben Simmons and eagle scouts from Lake Shore HS stenciled drains between 13 & 14 mile road - Jefferson and Harper. Gail Ashburn - 12 Students 2 teachers from South Lake HS stenciled Greater Mack to Harper - school to Maxine.
11. **Canoe project** - Christian
 - 2 canoes and 2 kayaks were delivered to all 4 HS. It was suggested to offer a potential gift of \$25 for students taking 2nd place. This and paddles cannot be paid for from the IBM grant and will be discussed on how to address later. Applications are posted on the city's web site.
12. **Plaque project** - Dave R
A picture of what the plaque would look like was presented to the committee. The cost for each would be under \$2,000. Dave will have exact cost of each plaque at the next meeting. Joe will work with Dave on the project.
13. **Window Sticker project** –Joe - Window stickers were printed as approved by the committee. Joe has started to distribute the stickers to marinas and bait stores. Each committee member was given a batch. More are available upon request.

New Business:

- Peter R is being interviewed for the Council Connection and will be discussing the Nautical Coast Clean Up.
- New logo design: Suggestion was to have a contest with students at the 4 HS to design a new committee logo.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

ST. CLAIR SHORES WATERFRONT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2015 – 6:30 P.M. AT ST. CLAIR SHORES LIBRARY

Members Present: Joe St. John, Mark & Rachel Balon, Christian de Ron, Erich Eggert, Mark Hodorek, Peter & Heidi McInnes, Kevin Hertel, Brendan Maletski, Kathy Nixon (later), Erin Stahl (scribe)

Members Absent (Approved): Dave Rubello, Peter Rubino, Rev. Jill Wrubel

Guests: (none)

1. Meeting called to order at 6:42 pm with pledge of allegiance, and reading of mission statement. A moment of silence for Councilman Tiseo.
2. Minutes from the September meeting were approved with one change to item #11: "The paddles "CAN" be paid for from the IBM grant and future additional purchases are not enough to be covered by the grant."
3. Financial Report Update—Mark B. \$65.00 check from Save the Lake—Mark is sending the thank you letter. Erin thanked Mark H. for going over everything after the last meeting. That and the great record keeping will make a smooth transition. The balance from the last reconciliation & 2 pending expenditures is \$10,431.02. Erin gave ideas/examples for future reports including balances of grants, to be discussed later.
4. Annual Meeting—Mark B. We went over the agenda and want pictures (drains, I-94, FB). Additions and ideas were discussed: Kevin Bunch-Clinton River Water Conservancy re: lake levels, Spray paint stencils demo (Mark B.), Lake Shore Fisheries-Mike Thomas Fisheries Biologist (Joe), health of the fish-change of population (Mark H.), ask Mike Holtz to speak, Resilient Michigan/Macomb County Planning (Joe).
5. Communication/Marketing Ideas to fulfill our mission and outreach—Mark B.
 - Mark B. will be putting all of the ideas on a list and Dave had suggested an idea calendar to know when things need to be done and when they need to be marketed.
 - Mark H. said the Council Connection was great with Pete.
 - Discussion regarding FB newsfeed/publicity, SCS News station, Brendan's idea regarding other social media outlets, asked Erick to look at other social media options, Brendan & Rachel agreed to be the main people on this project and work with Erick. Brendan will look at Reddit & Instagram Rachel Twitter.
 - Kevin suggested one subject/focus for each month—this month maybe regarding the snow, disconnecting rain barrels, salt biggest polluter of lake, etc. PSA is on Youtube.
 - Window sticker program—"We Love Lake St. Clair" 6,000 ordered 3,000 out there at various locations: Harson's Islands, sports locations, libraries, city, bait shops, marinas, city trucks, etc.
 - Plastic bait container letter to wholesale bait dealers—only one comment on letter from Resilient MI mtg.
6. Other Comments, Updates, New Items or Ideas
 - Drain Stenciling—Joe. Involvement included 12 students/2 teachers, 3 boys from Jonathan (homeschooled student who did the I-94 clean-up), and an Eagle Scout.
 - 2015/2015 Student Scholarship Program update – Brendan and Rachel are interested in applying. Discussion regarding how to get more applicants: possibly there are too many questions for too little money—talked about other scholarships out there & online. Usually they are 1 question (250 to 500 words) for the \$500 or more. Discussion of maybe changing to April time or due by December 1st during MI Application week. And outreach – Gail Ashburn & no South Lake liaison to help students. Talked about how Tayson's parents pushed him to get lots of scholarships.
 - Mike Holtz wildlife habitat project update—Joe. Mike owns a lot that he cleaned up, covered with compost & planted. WEC donated 2 wren houses & they will be involved in wood duck program.
 - New cleanup idea from Tom Cleaver—Joe. Talked to Mayor Duggin's secretary—impressed with our Nautical Coast Clean-up. The idea is to have many different groups do a "Clean-up face-off" in Detroit parks. It would be a great PR thing for the WEC and a few people at the meeting were interested in participating.
 - Discussion regarding water bills & surges and Mike Gutel—focused right at heart of problem.
 - Boating Safety Class—Mark H. 2nd Tuesday in Feb.
 - Committee could discuss possibility to sponsor the whole class \$20/ea. = \$400?
8. Next Monthly Meeting – Tuesday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Clair Shores Library.
9. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ST. CLAIR SHORES WATERFRONT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

December Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 15, 2015 – 6:30 P.M. at Steve's Back Room Restaurant

Members Present: Joe St. John, Mark Balon, Rachel Balon, Christian de Ron, Erich Eggert, Mark Hodorek, Peter & Heidi McInnes, Kevin Hertel, Brendan Maletski, Kathy Nixon, Erin Stahl, Dave Rubello

Members (Approved) Absent: Jill Wrubel, Nicole Rakozy

1. Meeting called to order at 6:52 pm with a prayer and moment of silence.
2. Financial Report Update – Financials remain unchanged.
3. Tom Cleaver would like a cleanup face off with Wayne County to be scheduled a month after the nautical coast clean up. This will be discussed at a future meeting.
4. Annual Meeting Discussion –
Social media review agenda revised.
PowerPoint presentation to be updated with current project photos.
MOTION Passed to have Sarah Roberts speak at the meeting addressing the power plant on Lake St Clair.
5. Grants are now available through the NOAA.
Field trip to Weir at Clinton River Spillway is scheduled for Tuesday, December 22.
6. Scholarship update: Total of 4 applications received; one application received late.
MOTION Passed to accept 3 applications for review for the scholarship. Applicants are Rachel Balon, Kasey Johns and Johnathan Baur.
7. Other Comments, Updates, New Items or Ideas
Promote awareness to community about care of the rain barrels.
Lake Shore High School teacher representative will be Sandra Rathburn
Boating Safety Class -2nd Tuesday in Feb. It was suggested that the committee sponsor the whole class \$20/ea. = \$400?
8. Minutes from the November meeting were approved with correction to item #4 in reference to Kevin Bunch, speaker for the annual meeting.
9. Next Monthly Meeting – Tuesday, January 19 at 6:30 p.m.at St. Clair Shores Library.
10. Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm