

ST. CLAIR SHORES WATERFRONT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

JANUARY MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, January 18, 2023 – 6:30 P.M. – AT SCS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Committee Members: (P=present/E=excused absence/A-unexcused)

Mark Balon (Member/Chair)	P
Erich Royal Eggert (Member)	A
Kevin Hertel (Member)	E
Heidi Hall McInnes (Member/Secretary)	P
Peter McInnes (Member)	P
Kathy Nixon (Member)	E
Sarah Schultz (Member)	E
Joe St. John (Chair Emeritus)	P (remote)
Erin Stahl (Member/Treasurer)	P
Dave Rubello (City Council Liaison)	E
Michael Drooglever (Member)	P
Cori Champagne (Member)	P
Sharon Khouri (Alternate Member)	P
Michalene Grifka	E
Lauren Elya (Lakeview H.S. Student Liaison)	E
Sarah Hendricks (Lakeview H.S. Student Liaison)	E
Adura Calhoun	P
Robert Calhoun	P

Meeting commenced at 6:30 p.m.

1. Pledge & Mission Statement. Robert led us in the pledge. Mark read mission statement.
2. Approval of Minutes (November). Motion to approve. 1) Erin; 2) Sharon; Passed.
3. Scholarships. As we only have 2 fully qualified applicants, we will double up the donors so that each recipient will receive \$750.00 rather than \$500.00. Erin also would like to personally contribute Dave Ramsey’s “Borrowed Future” material to the scholarship recipients. This is to assist the students with their financial future and remaining debt free.
4. Treasurer’s Report. Erin indicated figures are the same as submitted in December, 2022. Erin will provide updated report next month.
5. Member Positions.
Member Erich Royal Eggert has expressed no interest by not attending with unexcused absences for all 2022 committee meetings nor is responding to phone calls or emails, the committee would like to open this position. The committee is very grateful for all of the service that Erich gave to the Committee, especially in developing the Committee’s presence on Social Media and the single-handed work that he performed at Champine Park every year during the Nautical Coast Clean-Up. Mark will send a letter to Erich thanking him for his years of service. Pending approval from the Mayor and City Council, Motion to request opening Erich’s position. 1) Peter; 2) Cori; Passed.
Alternate Member Sharon Khouri. The committee requests that Sharon receive “Full Member” status rather than “Alternate Member” status. Motion. 1) Mike; 2) Heidi; Passed.
6. Election of Officers. The agenda contains a list of responsibilities for the typical roles for chairman, secretary and treasurer. Discussion of responsibilities for the positions of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and the importance of having enough assistance for each position.
Joe St. John continues to provide guidance and assistance to committee with ideas to reach out to the community. Thank you to Joe and Mark for covering the Chairman positions. Discussions to keep

and prioritize our duties was to make it necessary to also create a position of Co-Chairman as well as Vice-Chairman in order to have proper coverage for the list of responsibilities. The following election recommendations were selected and are subject to the approval of the Mayor and City Council:

Chairman. Motion to elect Heidi as Chairman. 1) Erin; 2) Mark; Passed.

Vice-Chairman. This position will be responsible for the marketing needs. Motion to elect Cori as Vice-Chairman. 1) Erin; 2) Heidi; Passed.

Secretary. Motion to elect Sharon as Secretary. 1) Mark; 2) Mike; Passed.

Treasurer. Motion to elect Erin as Treasurer. 1) Mark; 2) Heidi; Passed.

Co-Chairman. Motion to elect Mark as Co-Chairman. 1) Erin; 2) Sharon. Passed.

6. Annual Meeting. Annual Meeting is on 2/23/23 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. Our speakers are all lined up. We will make sure that we take a photo of the committee at the end of the meeting. We will attempt to set up some time to prepare TikTok videos of projects with Lauren and Sarah. Mark will make sure that he has photos from everyone regarding their projects. We do not seem to have a tonnage report from the Nautical Coast Clean-Up. Mark will be sending invitations. We will have the entire committee at the front at the beginning of the meeting.

7. Communication & Marketing Materials: Draft Government Leader Letter. Further discuss for who to direct letter. Tabled to the next meeting. Motion to order 2,000 fliers with project dates and 2,000 door hangers, using environmentally friendly paper. 1) Mark; 2) Sharon; Passed.
Communication - Mark: Draft Government Leader Letter (Important future meeting topic)
Marketing - Cori: Marketing Materials (Important future meeting topic)

8. New business.

a. Nautical Coast Clean-Up. Mike will be contacting Jefferson Yacht Club to confirm date with them. Erin would like to see us have a couple of ads in C & G News for the Nautical Coast Clean-Up. Mike indicated that changes to the roles are that Sharon will be the Registrar and Cori will be the Subsistence Manager. Heidi indicated that she will fill out a form asking Nino's for a fruit tray. We will ask Dave if he has a list of homeowner's associations. T-Shirts for Nautical Coast Clean-Up – Motion for Erin to order 100 yellow Nautical Coast T-shirts for up to \$1,000.00. 1) Sharon; 2) Cori; Passed.
Nautical Coast Clean-up - Mike: (Important future meeting topic)

b. Depository of Information. Mike reminded the Committee that we would like the committee to have some sort of depository of all information. Mike has experience setting this up and the committee is in full support for his leadership with this endeavor. This could be done on the website.
Depository of Information - Mike: (Important future meeting topic)

c. Volunteer Match. Program Sharon uses to help obtain volunteers. Funding already approved by committee. Sharon to use committee email when signing up, and will use established project dates.
Volunteer Match - Sharon: (Important future meeting topic)

d. Media Kit - Erin discussed having a media kit with our project flier and a T-shirt.
Media Kit - Erin: (Important future meeting topic)

f. June 3rd has been added as a clean-up for Welsh Park.

g. Harrison Township wants to do coordinate with our committee on drain stenciling.

10. Public Comments. None. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm. 1) Mike; 2) Sharon; Passed. Next meeting is Tuesday, February 21, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at SCS Library.

Notes:

Annually, at its January meeting, each commission, committee, or board shall hold an election for a Chairperson, Assistant Chairperson, Secretary, and other offices as may be required by the Board. Election of officers shall be listed on the Agenda and the results included in the Minutes.

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It must be recognized that not all of the recommendations made by commissions will be accepted. Rejection of advice on a given issue does not imply lack of confidence or disinterest. The Mayor and City Council will consider and weigh all information and recommendations presented in their decision-making process.

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