

The Chicopee River Watershed  
Council's  
Monthly Meeting  
July 2, 2004

**Meeting Called to order:**

Called to order by: Chairman Mike G.

Time: 7:10 PM

Place: The Indian Orchard Partnership Office 145 Main St. Indian Orchard

**Members Present:**

Chairman: Mike Garvey

Vice Chairman & Secretary: Rick Dunderdale

Treasurer: Ralph Shrewsbury

Tony Zupkowski

**Guest Present:**

Mr. Duane Provost

Mr. Fred Andrew

Ms. Katie Stebbins

Ms. Eileen McGrath

**Treasurer's report:**

Chicopee Savings: bank balance \$8339.67

Cash/check in hand \$46.50

Mike G. presents expense for stationary supplies for the Cub Scouts' "street stenciling/informational project".

Rick D. motioned to reimburse Mike G.

Ralph S. second the motion:

Vote taken: the yea has it to pay mike

Mike G. suggests putting together a fund raisin informational packet for Business and Corporate financial backing for the C.R.W.C. and it's projects

**Old Business / Project updates and Discussions:**

**The Park from Water St. to Indian Leap & the Melikian property**

Ms. Katie Stebbins (from the Springfield Planning Department 787 6425) gave background on a couple of projects & what the city has in mind for those projects it would improve the quality of life for the people of Indian Orchard.

### ***Park from Water St. to Indian Leap & the Melikian property***

Ms. Stebbins explained what the public works will be doing on Water St.; the storm drains, C.S.O. and P.V.P.C., where the city intends to install a giant box culvert that will serve as a storm surge containment system to reduce the impact on C.S.O.s.

Ms. Stebbins also gave a sketch of the vision that the Planning Department has for the proposed Riverside Park from Water St. to Indian Leap.

**The Plan/Design is in flux...** The planning department has retained the services of the same individual/firm that helped design the layout for the Chicopee river park in Chicopee, and the City is hoping for a Plan/Design for the fall (or sooner)

Ms. Stebbins also touch on the Melikian property that it is an uncompacted, uncapped landfill on that parcel of land that EPA is looking into. Current estimates are that it will cost upwards of \$250,000 to cap and initially address. Ms. Stebbins feels, as does the City that \$250,000 would be a small investment to make that a useable public space; the City is looking at the Melikian property at this time.

Ms. Stebbins mentioned that the City would like to see those two projects to be somehow tied together.

Duane Provost (an Indian Leap resident) voiced his concerns that he has now and how these concerns will be addressed in the future plans for the area: the lack of parking, noise, trespassing and a lack of police response when needed.

The Time Frame that Ms. Stebbins was referring to was in years rather than months and that they are just at the beginning.

Ms. Stebbins/the planning department has offered C.R.W.C. a role in these two projects. It is Ms. Stebbins/the planning department feeling that C.R.W.C. could/would play a key role in the visioning process and could/would help organize events in the area (canoe trips, speakers, cleanups, etc).

As this speaks directly to our mission statement we agreed to help/assist when ever possible.

After nearly an hour on this topic a motion was made to move on: motion carried

### **WEB SITE:**

**Mr. Duane Provost pointed out some errors** in the photos of the two proposed projects for the Indian Orchard area (Park from Water St. to Indian Leap & the Melikian property).

Mr. Provost agreed to work with the web master (Rick D.) to correct the photos

### **ESSAY CONTEST:**

**Mike G. has been contacted from a teacher** from the central MA area interested materials for informational packet for her class/school. Mike G. is going to look into collecting resources for such materials.

**The next school:** still unsure

Rick makes a motion that next contest be held **at the Lions Den** (a teen drop-in center in Indian Orchard).

Ralph S. second the motion; motion carried.

**Target Date for next Essay Contest:**

Late August target date

Mr. Fred Andrew is going to get contact information on the Lions Den

**Ms. Stebbins/the planning department says she is willing to speak** at the Essay Contest about the “Water St. Park to Indian Leap & the Melikian property” plans and proposals.

**Ralph S. and Mike G. agreed** to get together to Iron out the format/script of the presentation and also to integrate visual component into the presentation.

**Rick D. needs to Email Mike G.** the presentation that was used at the first Essay Contest.

### **MAIL REVIEW:**

**River Network wants** C.R.W.C. to renewal membership with them:

No one knows who they are and what they are doing; Rick D. is going to find out more about them for the next meeting.

### **New Business:**

#### **Tee's shirts and Hats**

Rick D. presented information/ estimate on the cost for C.R.W.C.'s Tee's shirts and Hats from Lil Dogs Promotional Products:

A run of 50:

Hats –

Pacific Head ware Hats # 350 C with logo embroidered - \$11.00 each

Tea Shirts –

1 color, 1 location - \$8.75

2 color, 1 location - \$9.25

Digitize Logo - \$100.00

Hats and tees estimate noted.

### **Meeting adjourned:**

Tony Z. motions to adjourn.  
Motion second, motion carried - 9:00 PM