

**MINUTES  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE  
CITY OF LAKE SHORE  
CITY HALL  
MARCH 21, 2016  
9:00 AM**

Kevin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Kevin Egan, Arla Johnson, Robert Eliason and Ron Faust were present. Lowell Naley, Rosemary Goff and Council Liaison Doug Miller were absent.

Minutes from November 19, 2015 – The minutes were reviewed.

Tent Caterpillar Problem– The City’s Environmental Committee heard a presentation from Sonja Larsen regarding the Forest Tent Caterpillar problem and the efforts of a group of residents to combat this nuisance in an area from Schaeffer’s Point to Pebble Beach. Robert said that this is a natural occurrence and cyclical; he said he hasn’t experienced the death of any trees from an infestation. Arla feels that they affect the health of the trees. Ron’s concern is with the people that don’t pay, but still receive the benefit of spraying.

The discussion noted that the area was last sprayed to eradicate this infestation in 2012 and it is anticipated that these bugs will return later this spring. Accordingly, the Committee chose to continue its support of the fundraising efforts of the area’s residents, recognizing it is private in nature, to combat this pest by spraying the affected area, as has been done every 4 or 5 years since the 1990s. The Tent Caterpillar Committee will prepare a mailing and the affected area residents can expect a letter shortly seeking contributions to pay for this treatment.

**MOTION BY ARLA JOHNSON FOR THE LAKE SHORE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE TO ENDORSE THE FOREST TENT CATERPILLAR COMMITTEE WITH THEIR EFFORTS TO COLLECT FUNDS AND SPRAY THE AFFECTED AREA OF LAKE SHORE. KEVIN EGAN SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED.**

Sonja asked if the Environmental Committee would take this project over in the future. The committee will not take action at this time.

Buckthorn Educational Poster – There was discussion that the poster can be taken to events to educate the people the event about Buckthorn and ways to recognize and help control the invasive buckthorn species.

Annual White Goods Recycling Project – The Committee set Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. as the date for the City’s annual White Goods Recycling Day. On the 30<sup>th</sup>, dumpsters will be available at City Hall for the removal of appliances and electronics. Residents need to be reminded that a small recycling fee will be charged. The Household Hazardous Waste may be in Lake Shore this year.

Curb-Side Recycling and Trash Pick-Up throughout the City – Kevin didn’t have a chance to contact anyone regarding this item; he will revisit it at the next meeting because there seems to be a real interest in the community. Ron suggested a more formal meeting and discussion. The stumbling blocks need to be worked out before the program could be put into place.

Dark Sky Compliant Fixtures – Kevin said that the Planning Commission has conditioned approval for a couple applicants to install dark sky compliant fixtures as a way of avoiding light pollution. Robert wondered if there could be an educational effort to talk about the issue of light pollution. Kevin suggested writing an article urging people to consider the lighting they are currently using or during new construction.

MOTION BY ARLA JOHNSON TO ADJORN THE MARCH 21, 2016 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING AT 9:49 AM. ROBERT ELIASON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED.

Transcribed by Patti McDonald  
Lake Shore City Clerk