Library Environmental Committee Minutes—August 27, 2013

Present: Hsiang Ping Cha (chairing), Mike Unsworth, Kriss Ostrom, Susan Kendall (minutes), Stephanie Perentesis, Elida Marti

1. Fall Programs

Fall programs are all set and sent to Holly for P.R. except for the local foods panel program. Kriss has had trouble getting local chefs to respond or commit. She reported that she had eaten at a new local foods restaurant, Tannin, in Central Park Place. She met the chef there, and he was very interested in the program and had ideas for what he would like to speak about. Kriss will work on planning a program perhaps just with him rather than a full panel.

2. Library Bike

The purchase process will go through Susie Garmo, but first the release form needs to be approved by the committee. Kriss had sent out this document but had not yet received feedback. She will send again asking for all on the committee to read and respond by Sept. 5.

3. Stewardship Reports

Lauren Olsen is no longer sending stewardship reports and has been reassigned to a new job. Kriss will contact the new person in Lauren's position, Jennifer Battle, to see if she plans to continue these.

4. Noah Link/Food Field Detroit

Mike had sent out an email about the vandalism at Noah Link's Food Field urban farming operation. Mike has donated some money to help with restoration and others are welcome to donate if they like by giving a check to Terry Link. (Terry notes this is not necessary but appreciates the well wishes).

5. LEC web pages

Heidi, Susan, and Aaron have migrated almost all of the LEC pages including minutes, ecograms, and events information over into Drupal.

6. New Staff Orientation

There are some new Library staff that will need orientation. Aaron is away so we will coordinate that with him when he is back.

7. New LEC Members

We discussed adding a new member to the Library Environmental Committee and will wait to invite the new "green librarian" who starts later this fall.

8. Ecogram. Various ideas were discussed and we decided on highlighting electronics recycling through Best Buy.

Next meeting: Tuesday 9/24/13 – Chair: Stephanie Perentesis, Recorder: Andrea Kepsel