

JOLIET JUNIOR COLLEGE
Sustainability Initiative
(JJCSI)
March 11, 2010

A meeting of the Sustainability Committee (JJCSI) was held on Thursday, March 11, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Andy Neill.

Review and Approval of summary

The January 14, 2010 summary was reviewed and approved. Motion to approve was made and seconded. It was unanimously accepted.

Old Continued Business:

A. Green Team follow-up reports – None were presented

New Business

A. Cool Joliet Update – Maria Rafac

The mayor of Joliet recently signed a Cool Cities Agreement which tied us as the 50th city to sign this agreement. She explained the goals of the organization.

B. GR2010 – Celebrating Sustainability – Maria Rafac

A month long celebration of the 40th anniversary of Earth Day is being planned for April 22nd. The celebration will culminate with a full day event entitled GR2010 Celebrating Sustainability scheduled for May 22nd at the Joliet Public Library Black Road Branch.

An on campus Earth Day celebration is being planned by the Student Government Association. One event will include a recycled art display.

V. Other

The college is completing Phase I of restoration of the natural areas. We are eliminating invasive species including buckthorn. Thinning and removal of the area will not harm wildlife but will actually be a better habitat for the birds. The area is considered an outdoor teaching and learning laboratory. Student field trips will be encouraged. This is a new phase for the natural areas.

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An aerial survey of approximately one square mile from Jefferson Street on the north, I-80 on the south, I-55 on the west and Houbolt Road on the east was recently completed of the deer population. The deer count in this area totaled approximately 150 deer. The recommended herd in this area should be no more than twenty deer per a square mile. The county is looking into a program to the control the deer population.

Vuc Vujovic from Legat Architects highlighted the green sustainable features incorporated in the college's new student center which included the geo-thermal climate control system.

Meeting adjourned – 3:20p.m.

The next sustainability meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 8, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. in the board room. (J-2026)