

TOWN OF SILVER CITY RECYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 15, 2010

1. OPENING

Meeting opened 3:05 pm. Members in attendance:

- Chuck Fuller, chairman
- Terry Timme, vice-chairman
- Ann Alexander, committee member
- Deanna Mooney, committee member
- CJ Law, Manager, SWSWA
- Gordon West, Restoration Technologies

2. MINUTES

Minutes of June meeting reviewed and approved unanimously.

3. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE SECRETARY

No nominations were made.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Gordon West, Restoration Technologies, LLC:

Mr. West explained that his company, in association with Western Fibers, Inc. of Hollis, OK, intend to make a variety of products from recycled wood and wood products. These products will include spray-applied erosion control products and cellulosic insulation. Mr. West expressed an interest in obtaining cardboard and other recyclable paper products from SWSWA for feedstocks for a mobile plant that they intend to bring to Silver City in the near future.

5. SWSWA REPORT

C.J. Law, SWSWA Manager

- SWSWA has begun initial work on constructing new structure to facilitate safe, clean, and efficient loading of single stream recyclables into the semi taking them to El Paso.
- SWSWA is looking to buy another semi trailer with a walking floor to handle the transport of recyclables to El Paso more efficiently. Currently, recyclables collected during the days the semi is in transit to El Paso have to be unloaded to a staging area and then moved again to be loaded into the semi upon its return from El Paso.
- The recycling rollofs deployed around the area are all working out pretty well, except for the one in Pinos Altos. They are finding a great deal of trash and glass piled in and around that rolloff on a regular basis. SWSWA intends to install divider panels in the rollofs in the near future to create a segregated compartment for just glass. Until such time SWSWA would prefer that glass not be deposited in or around the recycling rollofs.
- Average recycling tonnages are up to almost 40 tons/week
- Compliance with single stream curbside recycling protocols is improving, due in part to the "green ticket" notifications placed on the bins by the collection crews.
- Citizen complaints regarding recycling are generally declining, but more work is needed in outreach efforts to inform the public about the new single-stream recycling program.

- SWSWA has been receiving increased requests for new curbside recycling bins, but has begun to run low on them. CJ pointed out that they never received 168 additional bins from the New Mexico Recycling Coalition that were awarded to SWSWA as part of a grant. Chuck agreed to call them regarding this.
- CJ stated that they have taken notes on households participating in recycling, and count over 1000 in Silver City currently. The Tuesday route collects over 400 houses alone.
- CJ stated that SWSWA had no problem with allowing Restoration Technologies and Western Fibers to have loose cardboard that SWSWA collects, but indicated a reluctance to bale it for them.
- Several ideas were discussed regarding opportunities that might exist locally with large generators of recyclables due to high cost of transport into commercial markets.
- CJ confirmed that the new fiscal year began on July 1st, and that the new SWSWA budget is being finalized. CJ confirmed that the new budget will contain adequate funding to continue paying Friedman Recycling in El Paso to take all of our non-glass recyclables and that pricing for their service was stable at \$14/ton.
- CJ also attended the recent New Mexico Recycling Coalition meeting in Albuquerque for a day and described an ill-advised presentation on guerrilla pre-cycling, and gave a general description of other sessions that he attended.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Report on “Jump into Summer” event held at Gough Park – Chuck Fuller

Nine collapsible recycling bins were set out at the beginning of the event by Recycling Advisory Committee members. The total collection of recyclables was less than one 55 gallon bag of primarily partially full water bottles. Discussion ensued regarding an alleged Town mandate that recycling be made available at a Gough Park public events. It was determined that the existence of such a mandate, whether in the form of ordinance or resolution would need to be confirmed with Town officials.

Report on Town of Silver City Strategic Planning Session – Chuck Fuller

While a number of potential funding sources/organizations were revealed during this meeting, very little discussion was directed specifically at the Recycling Advisory Committee.

Report on Potential for Instituting Recycling Program at the Town Post Office – Terry Timme

Terry met with the local postmaster on the issue, but not much interest was evidenced by the Postmaster. He was concerned about the additional effort that this might require of his staff.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Chuck Fuller - Discussed details of Resolution 2005-23 forming the Recycling Advisory Committee and establishing its purposes. It was agreed that work would commence on developing draft goals and an action plan to satisfy the purposes laid out in section 3 of the resolution.

Gordon West - Stated that he was working with Nick Sussillo in the Town’s Office of Sustainability on a grant application (to be written by Dr. Nikki Zuener of WNMU) regarding

sustainability demonstration projects and would report on progress or outcome at the next meeting.

CJ Law – Reported that SWSWA had contracted Golder and Associates to work on design of two new cells at the landfill (cells #7 & #8) and would report on progress at next meeting.

Next Meeting Time – Next meeting set for Thursday, August 19, 2010 at 3pm at SWSWA conference room

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 4:01 pm.