

MEETING MINUTES

TOWN OF SILVER CITY RECYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 18, 2010

1. Held at Southwest Solid Waste Authority offices, 318 Ridge Road, Silver City, NM

2. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm. Persons in attendance were:

- Chuck Fuller, chairman
- Terry Timme, vice-chairman
- Ron Groves, secretary
- Deanna Mooney, committee member
- CJ Law, Manager, SWSWA
- Ann Alexander, committee member
- Alan Archer, committee member
- Gordon West, committee member

3. MINUTES

Minutes of September meeting were reviewed and approved by acclamation as submitted.

4. SWSWA REPORT

CJ Law

- CJ reported that SWSWA dealing with mechanical problems to transport vehicles due to aging fleet working on budget approval for new truck
- Have hired up to full staff
- Single Stream recycling down to 63 tons per month, the numbers reported seem to vary greatly. Possibly disconnect with measure between weight and volume.
- Experienced problems with irregular commercial customers in large part due to SWSWA being unaware of these customers. Didn't have a list of commitments made through the city. City agreed to provide their list of both commercial and residential customers.
- Current roll off receptacles with public access in Tyrone, Cliff, at Tri-city, and the County Administration building. A roll off at the La Plata school dedicated to the school.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recycling Day only had 15 customers. RAC members that participated felt the lack of a SWSWA truck being visibly present and insignificant signage contributed to poor turnout.

Terry Timme thought that due to Single Stream curbside pickup these kinds of events may better serve County residents and perhaps would do better at outlying locations.

B. Set date of December 11th to clean, paint, and label recycling bins for Downtown Recycling trial program in 5 locations. Chuck agreed to write a letter to the 5 downtown businesses that have agreed to act as stewards. Once the bins are ready RAC members will hand deliver the letter to confirm their commitment.

C. Chuck working on revision of the Towns website Recycling Committee pages. RAC looking for simple bullet points, accurate and clear what can and cannot be recycled in **Single Stream**.

D. RAC looking to hold a "Talking Trash" event in February to solicit interested citizens to volunteer to participate in a list of support activities, i.e. putting **Single Stream** information stickers on trash bins in their neighborhood and direct mailings.

E. Chuck gave Councilman Jamie Thomson information regarding possible uses for recycled glass. All options appear to demand high energy use and are thus currently cost prohibitive.

F. Gordon has been talking with Deborah James, currently working on a Green Jobs Grant through GRIP, about the possibility of involving Aldo Leopold students on items on our agenda that fall under her mandate to study **Waste Characterization and Quantification**.

No New Business

Next meeting: December 16th, 3pm

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:30pm