

MEETING MINUTES

TOWN OF SILVER CITY RECYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 13, 2011

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

2. MINUTES

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

3. SWSWA REPORT

CJ Law· CJ reported that recycling customers have increased to over 1,500

- Single stream recycling diversion is still around 60 tons per month, but gradually increasing
- The new recycling semi tractor is working well, the old one has major mechanical problems (needs new engine/overhaul) and will be addressed as staff time is available
- A large number of the 200 recently purchased residential recycling containers have been given to primarily new customers and a small portion have gone to replace degraded old containers of existing customers
- A local recycler has expressed interest in recycling the metal that SWSWA is currently recycling through Ed's Recycling. Further discussion/investigation will ensue as scrap metal market prices are showing significant increases.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Downtown Recycling Pilot Project –

1. A paint/prep combination that will adhere to polyethylene is available for approximately \$75 is available from Kwal-Paint
2. Chuck reported that his source for free vinyl labels fell through
3. Per Terry, based on a recent accounting from the Recycling Advisory Committee's fiscal agent GRIP, there is at least \$250 of non-earmarked funds which could be used to purchase the paint and prep materials
4. It was agreed that melting the phrase "Recyclables Only" into the tops of the bins and possibly the front wall, painting the bins, and then repainting the "Recyclables Only" phrase would be the method for labeling the bins. Ideas for melting the "Recyclables Only" phrase into the bin surfaces were discussed. Chuck to follow up
5. 8 of the 33 gallon rolling bins will be delivered to Santa Clara Woodworks for painting and labeling by SWSWA

6. Deanna agreed to draft a letter/memorandum of agreement for the downtown businesses that will serve as stewards for group review, editing, and ultimately hand delivery to the selected merchants

B. RAC Page on Town's Website - was successfully revised with a simplified bullet item main page, and expanded/updated details on linked pdf info sheet

C. Glass Recycling – No action has been taken thus far by Councilman Jamie Thomson regarding writing an ordinance requiring recycled glass in road base or sidewalks. Further research and promotion will be required.

5. New Business

A. E-waste

a. The current accounting from the RAC's fiscal agent, GRIP, is as follows:

i. Approximately \$1,600 from donations from last year's e-waste event, which it was agreed should be used for e-waste expenses this year

ii. Approximately \$1,300 is left over from Freeport's \$5,000 donation for last year's e-waste event

iii. \$250 was donated by Knight Brokerage which can be used for any other expenses

b. There is a local company who runs a truck and trailer (empty) to Tucson who might be willing to take our e-waste to UNICOR in Tucson for a small fee

c. Terry and Chuck will get quotes from regional e-waste recyclers

d. Terry will investigate recycling options for CFL's and linear fluorescent lamps

e. Earth day events at Penny Park are set for Saturday, April 23rd

f. Additional volunteers may be needed beyond the committee members to handle the event, but they should probably be required to sign a liability waiver

B. NMRC Hub and Spoke Recycling Grants – It was determined that there was no realistic way to meet grant deadlines, and grant ideas would be tabled until the next funding cycle. It was noted that the new Butterfield landfill has already been awarded over \$300,000 for regional recycling, and it would be good to see if any economies or partnerships could be formed to increase efficiency or decrease expense to SWSWA's recycling program. Chuck to follow up.

Next meeting: February 17th, 3pm

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm