

MEETING MINUTES

TOWN OF SILVER CITY RECYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 29, 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
- Ron Groves, committee member
- Alan Archer, committee member
- Jane Riger, committee member
- Gordon West, committee member
- Tommy Ogas, Recycling Supervisor, SWSWA

2. MINUTES

Minutes of the August meeting were approved by voice vote

3. SWSWA REPORT - Tommy Ogas

- The rehabilitation of the Excel baler is proving to be more difficult than anticipated, primarily due to electrical system problems
- Tommy provided a list of customers who had received new recycling bins or had damaged ones replaced
- There are still approximately 300 new bins available for deployment
- Possible expansion of SWSWA recycling routes to Tyrone and north Indian Hills are still under discussion
- Still taking 4-5 semi – loads per week to Friedman at 14,000 to 16,000 lbs per load
- Fowler Brothers still have not received enough glass at their Mimbres crusher plant for processing into a complete load of County road base at this time, but are complaining about too much non-glass debris
- August totals for delivery of single stream recyclables to Friedman were 163.64 tons

4. OLD BUSINESS

- Glass Recycling – still too soon to tell about Fowler Bros. success with incorporating glass into road base
- While Alex Brown and Peter Peña have been approached about requiring organizations using town property to hold an event being responsible for providing recycling services themselves, there still has been no confirmation of any change in Town policy
- Strategic goals discussion tabled

5. NEW BUSINESS

- Status and planning regarding new SWSWA manager – still on hold
- Chuck Fuller – Preliminary economic analyses indicate that SWSWA could:
 - Sell baled cardboard, using the Excel baler, for as much as **\$500,000 per year** at current market rates (absolute lowest value being \$58,640/yr at low historical average prices and low capture rate)
 - **Eliminate the safety hazards** of the current single stream loading process by baling the single stream materials and loading them where the glass rolloff for Fowler is now
 - Reduce transport costs to Friedman by over **\$100,000/yr** by baling the single stream and sending trucks with a full curb weight of 40,000 lbs/load
 - Renegotiate with Friedman to make a **net \$6.00/ton** where we are paying a negative \$14.00/ton now

- Gordon West - The Western Fibers Satellite cellulosic insulation project is still interested in obtaining cardboard from SWSWA, and is looking for opportunities to partner with SWSWA on local projects. Potential usage could be up to 100 tons/yr.
- Alan Archer – An Eco/Sustainability Club has been formed at WNMU to promote on-campus recycling, despite reluctant behavior and bureaucratic hurdles from the WNMU Facilities Maintenance Dept.
 - The project has been granted a three-month period to work out the details

Next meeting: October 20, 2011 @3pm

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm