

**TOWN OF SILVER CITY RECYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 14, 2013**

Held at Annex II, (Old Shamrock Station) Silver City, NM

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 3:00 PM. Members in attendance: Terry Timme, acting chair, Tommy Ogas, Recycling Supervisor, Amy Hart, Alan Archer, Connie Glenn, Jane Riger, Gordon West and Ron Groves. Member absent: Genevieve Morgan. Visitor: Shelby Hallmark.

Minutes: Minutes from October 10, 2013, approved by voice vote.

****On a Special Note****

The Recycling Authority Committee commended Tommy Ogas and his crew at Southwest Solid Waste for their diligent efforts, creativity and relentless hard work during the recent mechanical problems of the baler at the Recycling Center.

SWSWA Report: (Tommy Ogas)

- Recycle Bins - 130 blue recycle bins have been delivered. 110 were new bins with 20 being replacements.
- Glass – 3 roll offs of glass were sent to Fowler Brothers for a total of 44,522 lbs making a grand total of 646,928 lbs since inception of the glass recycling program
- Cardboard – 6 bales were produced once the baler was back online
- Single Stream – 160 bales were produced with 92 being shipped to Tucson and currently working on the shipment for the rest.
- E-waste – 13 Gaylord containers have been filled

Update from Office of Sustainability: (Terry Timme)

- Town council approved the 2030 Sustainability Plan to promote a goal of 50% recycling rate

Old Business:

- The tentative plan for the elimination of the plastic carryout bags within the Town of Silver City's limits was discussed. Terry stated that Pauline Hassler-Cook has agreed to sponsor and rewrite the town ordinance.
- Discussion of how the elimination of the bags would occur and what resources would provide replacement such as paper bags, reusable bags and charges thereof. Which retail businesses would be affected and which ones excluded; the time frame projected for implementation and feedback/follow up reporting. In addition, what types of education and/or contests could be utilized in effectively promoting the new ordinance. All legal issues of a new ordinance would also be addressed.
- Terry will compose a script to be utilized when speaking with businesses for obtaining input and feedback.

New Business:

- Friedman Recycling has forwarded a proposal to the town for the collection of the Single Stream recyclables which are currently begin shipped to Tucson, AZ. There is a projected increased saving/revenue for SWSWA.
- Leaf collection was discussed for Gila Wood products to locate a roll-off at the landfill for the collection. The leaves would be composted at San Vicente farms. Details and coordination will be worked out in the following week with Gordon and Tommy.
- New recycling banners for each of the Transfer Stations will be ordered. These banners will depict items that can be recycled as well as "No need to Sort" for informational guidance.

Adjournment, Next Meeting - Meeting adjourned. Next meeting – December 12, 2013 at 3:00pm.