

**TOWN OF SILVER CITY RECYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES December 19, 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, Connie Glenn, Jane Riger, Amy Hart, Gordon West. absent: Alan Archer, Ron Groves.

Minutes: Minutes from previous meeting approved by voice vote.

Old Business: Update from merchant contacts re eliminating single-use plastic carry out bags in Silver City. Terry and Jane reported on their contacts with local merchants. Many small business managers defer to corporate headquarters. Local managers have been asked to forward the information letter to regional managers. Terry reports that the new manager of Wal-Mart is from Washington State and is familiar and comfortable with eliminating plastic bags. The acting manager at Albertsons will coordinate with his regional manager. They are comfortable with the idea of phasing out plastic bags, as is the manager of Food Basket and Snappy Mart. A majority of the city council will be needed to support a plastic bag elimination ordinance.

The town attorney attempted to discuss legal aspects of this ordinance with the Santa Fe attorney, but was not successful due to change of staffing in Santa Fe.

Fall leaf collection program: The Volunteer Center is using/composting bags of leaves. Both the Volunteer Center and the landfill will continue to accept bags of leaves through the winter or until available space runs out.

Recycling banners which explain single stream recycling will be created for the 3 transfer stations.

SWSWA Report by Tommy Ogas

- RAID Grant (Recycling & Illegal Dumping) for purchase of one roll-off and five 3 yard commercial bins will be implemented .

- RAID Grant for tire recycling to Denver City, TX will be implemented. Grant will pay fuel to take truck loads (Tommy suggests that 2 truck loads at a time will take 8 or 9 trips to deliver the 14000 tires which are ready to be transported. The grant covers the cost of fuel.
- Drivers: currently there are only 2 class A CDL drivers on staff at SWSWA. Tommy is trying to hire at least a class B driver who could work up to A level. Finding drug free competent workers is an issue.
- Single Stream: no loads delivered to Tucson this past month due to shortage of drivers.
- Bins: 1300 household recycling bins have been distributed in the past 3 years. There are 180 left of 400 purchased in this budget year.
- Glass: a recent delivery to Fowler Bros. of 38,320 lbs. A total of 685,248 lbs of glass delivered since 11/14/11.
- Cardboard: 63 bales are ready for distribution. Gordon West will purchase some cardboard for using in insulation.
- E waste: 20 gaylords are ready. Pick up by UNICOR when there are 30.

Update from Office of Sustainability (Terry Timme)

- General discussion of water usage in recycling processing.
- Request for glass recycling in Tyrone. Discussion of glass in single stream containers. Broken glass is not an issue for Tucson recycling plant.

New Business: No new business this month.

Adjournment, Next Meeting - Meeting adjourned at 4:00PM. Next meeting **Thursday, January 9, 3:00 pm.**