

TOWN OF SILVER CITY RECYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES March 6th, 2014

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, Gordon West, Alan Archer , Amy Hart.

Minutes: Minutes from previous meeting approved by voice vote.

Old Business:

- Eliminating single-use plastic carryout bags in Silver City: new City Council will address this issue. Santa Fe has revised its ordinance to not include a fee. Discussion of motivation problems if there is not a charge for paper or cloth bags.
- Recycling banners for the 3 transfer stations: Dedication ceremony at Mimbres Transfer Station very successful. 30 people showed up in the rain. The people of Mimbres are happy to have support from Silver City.
- Earth Day 4/19: Pallets and gaylords are in the parking lot ready for Unicore. FreePort McMoRan is providing \$ for advertising and providing a forklift and volunteers from 10:00 – 2:00pm. PNM may also provide volunteers . The Recycling Advisory Committee will have a booth again this year.

New Business:

- New Member Recruitment: No new committee members to date.
- Recycling Statistics for 2013: Terry T. presented a chart showing that the Town recycling rates are up from 22% to 25% and that WNMU has doubled their recycling output. A copy of this chart updating Office of Sustainability/Recycling Advisory Comm. activities is available.

SWSWA Report :

- RAID Grant (Recycling & Illegal Dumping) for bin purchase : still waiting on approval from the State.
- Recycling tonnage: glass -3 trips were made between 1/9 – 2/20 accounting for 49,982 lbs. cardboard 53 bales are waiting for transport. Single stream – is going back to Friedmans's in El Paso. They pay \$5.00 more per ton than Tucson. Single axle trucks can be used. Tires – the first truck will go to Denver City, TX next week. RAID pays for the fuel for the trips (\$300 -\$400) per trip. There is \$9,300 available for these trips.
- UNICORE pickup of ewaste: 27 gaylords ready, 3 more to be filled before pickup.
- Rolloffs at Western: 2 rolloffs picked up weekly.

Update from the Office of Sustainability (Terry Timme)

- Dr. Pepper/Snapple Keep America Beautiful bin grant; third application for this grant; requesting 24 bins.
- Colonias grant for compost facility: Silver City didn't meet requirements for the grant.
- Composting Pilot: NMRC/USDA Rural grant: organic recycling is not currently available in SC.

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