

TOWN OF SILVER CITY RECYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES June 5th, 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, Jane Riger, Gordon West. Absent: Alan Archer, Amy Hart, Connie Glenn, David Krisch. Visitor: Anthony Heffernan

Minutes: Lacking a quorum, minutes will be approved at next meeting.

Old Business:

- Status of ordinance eliminating single-use plastic carryout bags in SC: First reading May 27; Second Reading July 8. Potential objections : handicapped, low income individuals, individuals who use them for dog waste etc. Design for bags - possible slogan “ Keep Silver Clean and Green” . As of July 1 there will be \$5,000.00 available to buy reusable bags at approximately 90 cents each for give away.
- Blues Festival : event went well – 380 lbs less than last year due in part to lighter cans. Next year will do away with trash bags, just use recycling

New Business:

- Recycling for Jump into Summer and July 4. Linda Aiman Smith will organize a sustainability booth. Recycling Committee members are welcome to help “man” this table.
- Meeting with Alex Brown and Gordon West: Gordon is suggesting a merger between Gila Wood Net and the Solid Waste Authority. It would be a functional merger with eligibility for grants benefitting SWSWA, but no exchange of \$.

SWSWA Report (Tommy Ogas) :

- Recycling Tonnages: Cardboard 70 bales (32 bales per truck). Single Stream: no bales are being held outside; 27 bales are taken to El Paso every other week. Tires: one trip per week to Denver city. There is one more year of the \$9,000 grant for tire recycling. Glass: 16,148 lbs of glass with a total of 820,158 lbs to date.
- UNICORE pickup of ewaste: 22 gaylords ready. Discussion of ECS Refining taking over e-waste recycling at \$100 per ton.

Update from the Office of Sustainability (Terry Timme)

- RAID grant update:
 - Tire grant approved
 - No bulb crusher, compost site engineering or building addition
 - Compost assistance from NMED and NMORO - Tim Gray and Walter Dodd would help design compost facility. Discussion of biosolids from waste water treatment plant.
- Second round of grants \$22 K for 3 cu yd bins and 15 more Clearstream
- Open House at Office of Sustainability June 13

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