

**TOWN OF SILVER CITY RECYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES February 5th, 2015**

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, David Krisch, Gordon West, Connie Glenn, Jane Riger. absent : Tommy Ogas, Recycling Supervisor, Alan Archer, Amy Hart. visitor: Gary Stailey, Bill Kanauss, Carmen Ruiz

**Minutes:** Minutes from previous meeting approved by voice vote.

**Old Business:**

- Update on Ordinance 1231 (no single-use plastic carryout bags in Silver City) : discussion of public compliance with ordinance. Some stores report that few of the multi use bags are being reused as per the design. Walmart ran out of bags; Albertson's is using paper bags. Some customers bring their own bags and support the ordinance.
- JPPO/Restore drop-off at the land fill will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, 8:00 am - noon. Permission has been asked of NMED for training for DWI offenders to work in this program for community service. This program is still pending.
- SC Food Co-op 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 614 Bullard will have an e-waste collection and recycling table. Terry will have a truck available.

**New Business:**

- Composting/Mulching: Bill Kanauss presented information re using "bio char" charcoal which sequesters carbon and adds organic carbon to the soil. He reports that the process of creating the bio char captures nitrogen, and that used in pellet stoves, burns cleaner than most pellets.
- Earth Day, April 18<sup>th</sup> at Gough Park. E waste collection will be at the Office of Sustainability.

**SWSWA Report ( Tommy Ogas not able to be present) :**

- E-Waste: being brokered by the SWSWA.
- OCC sales are being brokered by SWSWA, not State Recycling Co-op.
- Tommy Ogas is doing his best to maintain recycling efforts with continuing machinery malfunctions. He has rented a fork lift and is dealing with repairs etc.

**Update from the Office of Sustainability** (Terry Timme)

- Terry will be in Albuquerque to teach grant writing techniques for applicants for recycling grants.
- NMRC reports that a bill which is currently making its way through the NM House of Representatives might potentially affect finances available for recycling programs. The bill proposes that all fees from vehicle registrations be used exclusively for road improvements. Currently some funds for recycling programs come from this source.

**Adjournment, Next Meeting** - Meeting adjourned at 4:00PM. Next meeting **Thursday, March 12th , 3:00 pm.**