

# **TOWN OF SILVER CITY RECYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

## **MEETING MINUTES March 12, 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, Tommy Ogas, Recycling Supervisor, Gordon West, Alan Archer, Connie Glenn, Jane Riger. Excused absence: David Krisch. Visitors: Gary Stailey, Doug Smith, Chelsea Bush, John Crow.

**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.
- JPPO/ReStore drop-off at the land fill will begin March 28<sup>th</sup>. Permission has been granted by NMED for DWI offenders and JPPO youth to work in this program for community service. Discussion with Chelsea Bush, Manager of ReStore, and Gary Stailey re advertising (Chelsea will design flyers) , supervision for JPPO workers, space for drop off and general logistics.
- SC Food Co-op 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 614 Bullard will have an e-waste collection and recycling table.
- Earth Day, April 18<sup>th</sup> at Gough Park. E waste collection will be at the Office of Sustainability. Discussion of locating document shredder for this event.
- Composting in Silver City. Doug Smith of Townside Farms presented the status of his current work with composting vegetable waste from local restaurants and selling produce to the same restaurants. Doug can make a useable compost in 21 days and would like to expand his composting operation and perhaps buy adjoining land to his current property.

### **New Business:**

- Grants: Several grants including Keep NM Beautiful, NM Clean&Beautiful, Curbside Value Partnership and RAID grants all have upcoming application deadlines. Terry is actively pursuing all possible sources of money for sustainability projects.
- New member recruitment: One opening is available for the 7 member Recycling Advisory Committee.

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

- E-Waste: UNICOR will pick up 73 pallets of E-waste.
- OCC sales: 98 bales have been sold at \$80 per ton.
- Single Stream: 299 bales have been sold since 1/1/15. Currently SS is going to Tucson for \$25 /ton.
- Tires: one last trip to Denver City is covered through grant funds. Currently tires are being buried at the land fill.
- Glass: in the past 3 years 47 truckloads weighing 1,129,000 lbs have been shipped to Fowler Bros.
- Other recycling issues: slow down of labor at the West Coast ports have affected local recycling efforts and prices. A new forklift has been purchased. Various breakdowns of trucks and roll offs are being dealt with. 160 recycling bins are available for use. Some will be passed out on Earth Day.

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

- Terry reports that the overall rate of recycling in Silver City is up by 10% to 27%. Diversion is 30%
- **Adjournment, Next Meeting** - Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM . Next meeting **Thursday, April 2nd , 3:00 pm.**