

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

## **MEETING MINUTES Oct. 1, 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 , Kelduyn Garland, David Krisch, Connie Glenn, Jane Riger, Gordon West, Absent: Alan Archer

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

### **Old Business:**

- **Chciano Music Fest:** approx. 342 lbs recycling material collected; Pickamania: approx. 105 lbs cans and water bottles collected, Red Hot Children's Fiesta: permanent bins for recycling in Penny Park used.
- **Meeting with Adrew Slade:** Broadway Metals will pay \$.04 per lb for non CRT electronics, \$.18 per pound for all cords (separated from appliance) and \$.15 for Christmas lights.

### **New Business:**

- **America Recycles Day :** Sat., Nov. 14, 9am – noon. Sustainability Office will pass out 9 gallon buckets as well as other recycling services and info.
- **Food Policy Council Compost Work Group:** will apply for Freeport- McMoran Community Enhancement Grant to begin collaborative planning and design for SC Compost project. This project will keep composting material out of the landfill, benefit Gila Wood Net and individual gardeners.
- **Small recycling bin distribution:** 528 9 gallon buckets with handles will be distributed to schools, senior centers and living facilities.

### **SWSWA Report ( Tommy Ogas):**

- **Recycling tonnages:** glass; 54 shipments between 11/04/2011 -9/29/2015 – total 756,000lbs . E waste; 25 pallets on hand for UNICOR pick up. Plan to phase in Broadway Metals when CRT electronics are taken by UNICOR. Cardboard; 32 bales shipped on 9/14, 32 more bales 10/2, to Biopapel in El Paso. Each bale weighs approx. 1,300 lbs, payment is \$100 per ton. Single Stream; 135 bales in past two weeks shipped to Tucson at \$25 per ton.
- **Other recycling issues (labor & equipment):**
  - Discussion of request for electronic sign placed at Chevron station at Ridge Rd. and Hwy 180 notifying public as to status of landfill ( open/closed). Members of Advisory Committee feel that this would be good public relations as sometimes landfill is closed due to high winds/flooding etc. and people who drive the 4 miles to be turned back, sometimes leave materials piled up at the gate or illegally dumped elsewhere.
  - Reordering of 26 gallon bins. 2,500 have been ordered in the past 5 years and another 600 ordered for the coming year ( expected by mid Oct.)
  - Discussion of transition of recycling services to automated trucks requiring 95 and 65 gallon bins. Current trucks are in need of expensive repair, and will be replaced next summer with automated trucks. Discussion of how to keep current system going until then.
  - Labor – Tommy reports that he currently has a good team that works/communicates well together. He feels that a website for the landfill and recycling would be helpful.
  - Uncapped syringes have been found on the Single Stream conveyor belt. This is a serious health hazard for workers.
  - Human waste has been found in recycling bins. When this occurs and the truck is contaminated, the entire load of recycling must be sent to the landfill, and the truck decontaminated.

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

- ALCS tour of the landfill & Recycling Center was a great success. 58 students attended the tour and were active participants, asking intelligent questions.

**Other Business:**

- Not at this time.

**Adjournment, Next Meeting** - Meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM . Next meeting : **Thursday, Nov. 5, 3:00 pm.**