

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

## **MEETING MINUTES June 2, 2016**

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 , Connie Glenn, Jane Riger, Alan Archer , Kelduyn Garland, David Krisch, Dora Gonzales, Danny Legarreta, Operations Supervisor. Absent: Gordon West,

1. **Approval of Minutes** – review and voice vote approval of the May 5, 2015 minutes

2. **Old Business** –

Blues Festival Recycling Report: 580 pounds lots of Aluminum from beer garden had 10 Clearstream bins filled most at least twice, in park all 10 permanent bins and 8 Clearstream bins nearly full on Saturday, 1/2 full on Sunday. THANKS Alan.

Tour of Gila Recycling Report: Set out all 18 bins most nearly empty, beer tent ¾ full

Glass Recycling Cost Evaluation:

To follow up on discussion of glass recycling, Terry contacted Santa Fe to find out about how they were moving forward as they also switch to automated collection of single stream. It is going to cost them about \$105/ton to send the glass to Phoenix where they make \$30/ton. It might cost us slightly less since we are closer to Phoenix, but I will use \$75 a ton cost to calculate an annual projected cost for transportation of glass to Phoenix. For 203 tons (our annual collected amount) the cost would be over \$15,000. To collect glass locally on a route that followed the automated collection trucks we would be looking at labor costs of about \$400 a week and truck operation and maintenance costs of \$120 a week. That makes for an annual cost for collection of \$27,000.

Therefore the cost to continue collection of glass, if we marketed it in Phoenix, would be \$42,000 a year. IF we had a local use it would still cost \$27,000.

Next steps with glass: DISCONTINUE on July1. Working on letter to take to businesses, a press release, also perhaps a paid ad, some PSA announcements, and Facebook posts. Other suggestions to get the word out include passing out flyers at the landfill scale house.

3. **New Business** –

Fourth of July Recycling: Clearstream bins for parade route. Park okay with permanent bins.

Dog waste dispensers at Gough Park and others provided through the Keep NM Beautiful grant.

ReCommunity Tour report – David Krisch: David toured the Material Resource Recovery Facility (MERF) in Tucson. He found the facility to be technologically up to date. The infrared “optical sort” is efficient at sorting the single stream of recycling material.

4. **Report from SWSWA** - Dora Gonzalez and Danny Legarreta  
189.16 tons of single stream, 47.02 tons OCC, 2.99 tons glass.

Semi being repaired so backlog of SS for Tucson.

Tommy Ogas let go and will not be replaced since will need fewer staff when Town takes over collection of recycling.

5. **Update from the Office of Sustainability** - Terry Timme

RAID grant June 10 decision

- 6. Other Business**
- 7. Next Meeting July 7**
- 8. Adjournment**