

MINUTES OF THE RECYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY, REGULAR MEETING

Held at Southwest Solid Waste Authority offices, 318 Ridge Road, Silver City, NM. April 9, 2009

(Minutes prepared by Terry Timme)

Present: Terry Timme (Chair), Joseph Schindler, Alan Archer, Ramon Arroyo, Ann Alexander, Deanna Mooney, George Llewellyn, Avery Gentle C.J. Law, Diana Temple. Absent: Richard Mahler,

Call to Order Chairperson Timme called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Approval of Minutes By acclamation, minutes of the Mar 5, 2009 meeting were approved as amended and submitted by Terry.

Public Input- none

Report from SWSWA- CJ Law was introduced to members absent at last months meeting. Ramon reported that the recycling bin painting was going well. Ramon reported that prices were still about the same. CJ reported that the Authority was submitting a cooperative grant with State Parks to establish a recycling program at the three local parks.

Old Business - RAID Grant Progress. Terry reported that things were on schedule to paint 6 recycling bins before the grant deadline. Terry thanked Deanna for stepping in to help at Snell Middle school. There will likely be some money left in the grant to use as a grand prize for the best design with the committee doing the judging.

New Business

Smoke Detector Recycling. Terry shared with the committee an email from town councilor Tom Nupp regarding smoke detectors. Joe provided information he had obtained from the EPA indicating that there are two types of detectors only one of which has a small amount of radioactivity in it. During discussion it was suggested that smoke detectors should be included with hazardous or electronic waste collection. CJ mentioned that he is looking into recycling CFL bulbs.

Report from meeting with Sarah Pierpoint (NMRC). The New Mexico Recycling Coalition is preparing statewide information on recycling and offering help for rural communities. CJ will be following up with them.

Earth Day participation. Diana reported that she had secured the location on the Grado property across from Penny Park on Grant St. Terry reported he had also talked to Mickey Grado and he wished to be called the day before (cell 534-7896). The time will be from 10-2 (set-up begins at 8:30). Terry solicited volunteers and asked for anyone interested to contact him. Alan volunteered to help with set-up and work till about noon. Ramon and Albert will be there with the recycling truck, bins and reusable shopping bags with the SWSWA logo. Terry will bring the banner, some informational flyers, rulers, and coloring books. Terry will write PSA's and make an announcement at the April 14 town council meeting.

Freecycle: Deanna provided information on the Freecycle web site and agreed to make up information for the table at Earth Day.

Blues Festival recycling: The Blues Festival will be May 22-24. Avery reported that he is on MRAC board and there will be a trash pick-up crew that may be able to help monitor the recycling bins. Details will be worked out at the next meeting.

Recycling Metrics: George suggested that it would be good promotion for to provide the community updates on the volume of recycled materials / waste diverted from the landfill. CJ said he would look into providing that information on a timely basis.

Next meeting May 7 at 4PM at SWSWA office

Adjournment – at 4:40