

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. May 7, 2009  
(Minutes prepared by Terry Timme)

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

**Call to Order** Chairperson Timme called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes** By acclamation, minutes of the Apr 9, 2009 meeting were approved as submitted by Terry.

**Public Input-** none

**Report from SWSWA-** Diana reported that CJ had returned as manager after resigning and briefly working for PMN. Diana reported that the Authority had provided recycling bins to Cobre HS to conduct a recycling audit at the school. Ramon reported that the recycling bin painting was going well. Bins still out are at Cobre, Snell and Cliff schools. The others had been varnished and put into service. He reported that the suggestion to paint one more bin was going to be to paint over the bin that had been done two years ago by kids at the Authority. Diana stated that she was preparing to send the checks for the RAID art teachers to the schools but did not have all the contracts returned yet. Terry expressed concern that sending the checks to the school could mean the money would end up never being seen by the art teachers and suggested that at least they should be sent to the schools in care of the teachers. Ramon reported that Master Fiber had picked up recyclables recently and prices were still the same

**Old Business** – Earth day wrap-up. Terry thanked everyone involved for making it a successful collection event. Ramon reported that we had collected 480 pounds of recyclables.

**New Business**

RAID Grant. Terry reported that he had contacted the Silver City Rec Center and they had agreed to paint a bin but that they would not be able to start until June 1. Diana stated that all grant expenditures had to be by the end of May. Terry discussed having a judging contest for the six bins that had been done. The Recycling committee would serve as judges but Terry would excuse himself as having been involved with all the teachers but would tally the judging results. Bins would be judged based on three criteria: originality, conformity to the theme of recycling or litter reduction, and artist merit based on age of the students involved. Diana mentioned that they had been taking pictures of the bins as they came in. Judging could be based on pictures if the bins are not available for all the committee to view. There should be enough money to have prizes for first, second and third place.

Blues Festival recycling: The Blues Festival will be May 22-24. Avery reported that he had talked to Sheila Swisher and she was excited to have the recycling bins and would be mentioning it in their PR so they could be “green.” The MRAC trash pick-up crew may be able to help monitor the recycling bins. Details on picking up the recycling bags were discussed with Ramon saying that Albert or someone from the Authority may be able to pick them up Sunday evening. Richard and Avery will continue to work on the details.

Viva Verde Festival. Terry mentioned that the Expo would be June 26-28 and we might have a collection event during the festival. Details will worked out at the next meeting.

**Next meeting** June 4 at 4PM at SWSWA office

**Adjournment** – at 4:35