

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. August 27,
2009

(Minutes prepared by Richard Mahler)

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

Call to Order Chairperson Timme called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

Approval of Minutes By acclamation, minutes of the June 4, 2009 meeting were approved as
amended and submitted by Richard.

Public Input- none

Report from SWSWA

Ramon reported that recycling volume and sales were steady. He reported that prices
were still about the same, with aluminum at 30 cents per pound. Cardboard and newspaper are
also still being sold, with other recyclables stockpiled due to low prices and demand. CJ
reported that a vendor from Clovis will start to pick up scrap metal and possible discarded
appliances. C.J. updated the committee on preparation of a new landfill cell and said he expects
to meet the early September deadline for its completion. He also distributed copies of a new
color brochure promoting SWSWA's recycling program, which was discussed in terms of
content and distribution. Finally, C.J. said negotiations are underway to collect recyclables from
Lordsburg under an SWSWA contract.

Old Business

Viva Verde - Richard noted that about 100 pounds of recyclables were collected in four
bins distributed during June's Viva Verde Expo.

New Business

Pickamania Recycling - Richard said that plans are in place to distribute bins at the Sept.
11-12 event in Gough Park, using the same arrangement as was used in May for the Blues
Festival. Ramon, Terry, and Ann agreed to volunteer as needed for Pickamania recycling.
Richard volunteered to meet with the town's Parks and Recreation Committee to discuss future
coordination of recycling at public events. It was suggested that recycling information be
distributed in the future as part of standard permitting for use of Silver City parks.

Gila Community Network - John Crow, a reporter present at the meeting, urged both the
committee and SWSWA to send news releases, brochures, and other promotional materials
about recycling to www.gilacommunity.net, which has expanded its coverage and readership in
recent months. This free e-mail and Internet service is described as a "Gila Sustainable
Community News, Calendar, and Forum."

Potential Glass Recycling Project - Terry reported on communication from an El Paso

operator that is considering setting up a glass crushing and recycling operation in Silver City. He will look into more details. Ramon said the landfill is currently stockpiling about 11,400 pounds of glass every two weeks.

Glass Recycling Policy - Terry also relayed concerns expressed by Councilor Simon Wheaton-Smith via Manager Alex Brown that the city was paying to collect glass that was dumped in the landfill. C.J. assured the committee that glass was being stockpiled, not dumped. There was a discussion of whether commercial businesses such as bars ought to be charged an additional fee for glass collection. C.J. that a precedent is there for such a surcharge and thought it would be okay if not pushed too far. He emphasized that there are no plans to discontinue glass collection, despite the apparent lack of a market for such material.

Sun-News Reporting - Terry and Richard noted that Christine Steele, the new bureau chief for the Silver City Sun-News, has asked to be informed of local recycling news and has already written one article on the subject.

Climate Protection Committee - Richard said a representative of the town's Climate Protection Committee had asked him to appear at its September 16 meeting to update members on recycling issues. He agreed to do so.

eWaste Recycling - Richard noted that the Las Cruces recycling center at the Doña Ana County landfill is promoting a big e-waste event on November 14, in connection with National Recycling Month. A representative told him that Silver City was welcome to bring e-waste to the collection site. This would include computers, printers, small monitors, keyboards, but no TVs. It was suggested that Silver City businesses be asked to help pay for a rental truck to deliver local e-waste to Las Cruces on Nov. 14, perhaps with material collected at a Silver City waste collection event early that week. This will be discussed at our next meeting.

Next meeting - October 8 at 4 p.m. at SWSWA office

Adjournment - at 4:55 p.m.