

Recycling Committee Minutes

1. Members attending:

Carrie Carroll, Hallmark
Jennifer “Jenny” Tergin, Motorsports
Lee Waer, Turnbull Law Office, P.C

Members absent:

Rob Didriksen, Volunteer
Reginald H. “Reg” Turnbull, Turnbull Law Office, P.C.
Kristen Hilty, First Church United Methodist
David Grellner, Environmental Specialist, Jefferson City Government

2. Date and Location of Meeting:

August 15, 2007, 9 AM at Turnbull Law Office, P.C., 200 E. High St., Jefferson City, MO 65101

3. Minutes from meeting of July 11, 2007:

Carrie reviewed the minutes and asked for a motion to approve. Jenny moved to approve the minutes, and Lee seconded. Minutes were approved.

4. Old Business:

a. Phone Books.

Jenny and Carrie said that they have not heard from Exchange Bank about the container. Jenny said that she will call them and let them know that the bank can also place magazines and paper into the container.

Carrie said that she has all of the banners except for one. These were the banners that were used in drive to collect phone books. She plans to keep the banners in case they are needed for next year.

b. Full Containers

Carrie, Jenny and Lee commented that the container on parking lot by the News Tribune had been full when they went there to drop off cardboard. Carrie said that she called New World Recycling to let them know that it was full. Carrie would like New World to get on a weekly schedule of emptying the bin so that she doesn't have to call when the container is full.

Jenny said that she emailed them and asked if they have a sticker for the container which advises persons to flatten cardboard boxes before putting them into the container. Jenny said that she has not heard from them.

c. Newspaper Articles

Jenny said that she had spoken with Kris Hilgedick of the News Tribune. Jenny said that Kris was very responsive to Jenny's drafting an article and sending it to the paper for review. Jenny said that the first article concerns a summary of the recycling efforts in Jefferson City and a new website (see New Business below). The goal is get an article in the paper about every two weeks.

Jenny shared an article with the committee about a restaurant's efforts to limit the use of plastic bottles. She said that the next tentative article concerns this and other efforts to restrict the usage of plastic water containers.

d. Upcoming Events

Jenny said that they collected 78 pounds of aluminum and 84 pounds of plastic. During last year's event, 96 pounds of aluminum and 97 pounds of plastic were collected. Although the amount collected in 2007 was less, members noted that the 2006 July 4th celebration was for more days than the 2007 celebration.

Jenny said that she is still storing the tables which were used to sort the plastic bottles and aluminum cans. It was mentioned that maybe the City could store them. Members will ask David about this at the next meeting.

e. Curbside Pickup

Carrie said that she has not heard form Kristen.

f. Plastic Water Bottles

Jenny shared with the committee how Tergin Motorsports reduced their usage of plastic water bottles. She said that they now purchase water in bulk (5 gallon container) from a local company and pay a monthly fee to use a cooler.

g. Florescent Light Bulbs

Carrie said that the City should have a location to collect florescent light bulbs.

h. Environmental Grant

Committee will ask Kristen about the potential grant from Wal-Mart at the next meeting.

5. New Business:

a. New Email Site

Jenny said that a new email address is available. It will be recycle@downtownjeffersoncity.com. Persons can email their questions about recycling. Jenny will review the questions and answer them herself or refer them to committee members. She said that the tentative article for Kris' review includes information about the new email address.

Carrie said that she will contact the local Business Times to see if they could publish the email address.

Carrie mentioned about adding links to the Downtown site.

b. Pet Food Cans

Jenny mentioned the need for consumers to correctly separate tin and aluminum cans for recycling. She noted that it is easy to incorrectly identify pet food cans to be tin rather than aluminum.

c. Small Florescent Light Bulbs

Jenny said that Three Rivers Electric Co-Op gave away packages of the small florescent lights bulb to replace incandescent bulbs. Jenny said that Three Rivers Electric Co-Op mentioned the need to properly dispose of florescent bulbs. Jenny will contact them to inquire whether the company has any plan regarding the collection and disposal of the bulbs.

d. Chamber of Commerce

Carrie noted that the Chamber of Commerce hired Mark Mehmert. He is looking into getting a tax district to do improvements in the downtown area. Carrie and Jenny said that maybe it could lead to getting some funding to do desirable recycling efforts.

e. Habitat for Humanity (Can Cottage)

Jenny said that she had spoken with personnel at Habitat for Humanity. The organization is having problems at the Can Cottage on High Street. Someone is stealing the cans from the container. Consequently, Habitat for Humanity is redesigning the container to provide better theft prevention.

f. Change September 2007 Meeting Date

Jenny said that she would not be able to attend the scheduled September 12, 2007 meeting. Carrie mentioned about changing the September 12 meeting to September 19. Lee and Jenny had no objections. Carrie asked Lee to email the members to notify them of the change in the date for the September meeting.

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for September 19, 2007, at 9 AM at Turnbull Law Office, P.C., 200 East High St. Jefferson City, MO 65101.

FYI: CC City Administrator's Office for delivery to Mayor John Landwehr; Councilman Rich Koon, Councilman Jim Penfold, Charles Lansford, Kris Hilgedick, Colleen Taylor, Rick Graham, Corey Toebben, Steve Picker, and Mike Kauflin.