

Recycling Committee Minutes

1. Members attending:

Carrie Carroll, Hallmark
Jennifer “Jenny” Tergin, Tergin Motorsports
Kristen Hilty, First Church United Methodist
Ken Luebbering, Grace Episcopal Church
Art McGeorge, Volunteer
Lee Waer, Turnbull Law Office, P.C.

Members absent:

David Grellner, Environmental Specialist, Jefferson City Government
Beth McGeorge, Volunteer
Rob Didriksen, Volunteer
Reginald H. “Reg” Turnbull, Turnbull Law Office, P.C.

Other persons attending:

Phil Stiles, Jefferson City Parks and Recreation

2. Date and Location of Meeting:

August 20, 2008, 9 AM at Turnbull Law Office, P.C., 200 E. High St., Jefferson City, MO 65101

3. Minutes from meeting of July 16, 2008:

Carrie asked members to review minutes. She asked for a motion to approve. Ken moved to approve, and Kristen seconded. Minutes were approved.

4. Old Business:

a. Phone Books.

Carrie said that M.R.S. had left bins in some businesses for a longer period of time.

b. Newspaper Articles

No update was available.

c. Summer Solstice and July 4th

Jenny said that we do not have the weight of the cans and bottles that were collected during the July 4th celebration. Members discussed whether any funds went to Habitat for Humanity.

Kristen said that if we ask New World Recycling to pickup the cans and bottles that it seems logical for them to receive the funds.

d. T-Shirts

Carrie said that we have covered our cost on the t-shirts. Jenny suggested setting up a booth to sell them at the next event.

e. Curbside Pickup

Kristen said that no update was available. She said that a meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2008, and that the commission is waiting on a bid.

Jenny asked if there is anything planned for apartments. Kristen said that she believes nothing is planned at the current time.

f. Fluorescent Light Bulbs

Carrie shared with the committee emails from and to David Grellner and an email to Rick Graham of Allied Waste. The emails concerned whether Allied Waste might participate in the collection of the fluorescent light bulbs. One of David's emails raised the question about who could participate i.e., households, businesses, residents of Jefferson City, and Cole County residents who do not live in Jefferson City.

Carrie said that she had not heard from Nathan Nickolaus. Carrie said that she will email David. She asked if October 11, 2008, still works for everyone.

Jenny said that two or three persons would be needed. Art and Jenny volunteered and will use their trucks. Art asked about the boxes. Jenny said she will have a relative to pick them up.

Art asked what would be the charges. Committee members discussed the charges and decided to charge \$1.00.

Carrie asked about recycling compact fluorescent light bulbs. Jenny said that she will ask. Jenny also said that we need to design a flyer.

Carrie said that there is \$150.00 left in the budget that could be used if necessary.

g. Environmental Grant

Kristen said that the period to submit an application is from September 22, 2008, to October 17, 2008. No application will be available until that time. She said that we can only apply for one type of bin and that we would need to decide to request the event bins or prestige bins.

Kristen noted the problems in emptying the bins and the need for help. Committee members discussed the pros and cons of special event bins versus prestige bins. Kristen mentioned that we could demonstrate a need for 75 special event bins. Kristen showed the committee a picture of a collapsible bin.

Carrie asked Kristen to email the committee members with any questions that she has from the grant application. Kristen said that the application will ask how we would promote recycling.

Kristen said that there will be a question about storing the bins—she noted that maybe Parks and Recreation could assist.

Kristen also showed the committee a picture of another bin and mentioned its costs. Carrie said that she had thought about purchasing a bin for placement by Carrie's Hallmark if the City would permit it. Jenny noted that the container might deteriorate if left outdoors.

h. Plastic Bags

Carrie said that she has ordered reusable bags for the store. Carrie said that they might develop a discount to encourage customers to use them.

Kristen said that the Missouri River Regional Library takes plastic bags and uses them for patrons.

i. Upcoming events

Carrie discussed the need to plan for the upcoming Harvest Fest. Jenny said she will use four of our bins.

j. Aluminum and Plastic Bottle Proceeds

Carrie said that a decision needs to be made on distributing the proceeds from the recycling efforts.

5. New Business:

a. Tour of Missouri

Phil Stiles of the Jefferson City Parks and Recreation discussed the upcoming Tour of Missouri bicycle race and the various events which are scheduled to occur on September 11 and September 12 in Jefferson City. Phil noted that it is estimated that there will be 20,000 spectators. Phil shared with the committee a map or diagram of the event locations.

Jenny said that there should be a bin at every event to collect aluminum cans and plastic beverage containers.

Carrie said that she contacted New World Recycling. We will need to determine where to place the container. She also noted that New World Recycling cannot pick up the container until Monday.

Jenny mentioned a location near the Missouri Department of Transportation building. Phil said that site would be unavailable because it will be used by the media. Jenny mentioned a location behind the Post Office or Central Bank.

Jenny said that Rob will provide extra bins. Kristen asked if N. H. Scheppers Distributing Company provided any bins. Carrie said they did not provide any. Jenny said that fewer bins will be needed than we had during the July 4th celebration. Committee members agreed that the bins need to be concentrated near the Capitol grounds and placed by cooking venues, the beer garden and by the City Garage on Madison Street.

Phil said that the city will be delivering their trash bins on Thursday. Jenny and Carrie discussed when to set up the bins for the collecting recyclable beverage containers.

Carrie said that she will contact Jim Crabtree about placement of the container. If the bank says no, Carrie said that she will contact the News Tribune to see whether their parking lot might be available. Kristen mentioned the First Baptist Church due to their parking lot.

It was mentioned that there is a Christian music festival on Saturday night. Carrie suggested we leave some bins to collect cans and bottles.

Carrie asked Jenny how the bins were picked up in the past. Jenny asked Kristen if the volunteers from the First Church United Methodist would be able to help again. Kristen said that she would have to ask.

Members discussed the possibility of the committee members' picking up the cans and plastic bottles. Art asked if Rob would be able to help. Carrie said that she will ask Rob if he could set up some bins on Thursday.

Jenny described how the collapsible bins are set up and discussed whether signs will be needed. Jenny also said that she does not expect the bins to be filled. Art said that he would check on Friday to see if any are full.

Carrie asked whether we will need a 6-yard container. Jenny said that it depends upon the kind of response the event has. Jenny also described how messy the trash can become.

Kristen mentioned Kingdom Projects as an option. Art said that Kingdom Projects has a trailer which would be handy. Their bins are smaller.

Jenny said that she wishes we had a crew to set up at every event.

b. Missouri License Plates

Carrie had emailed committee members about an effort to collect obsolete Missouri license plates. The emails noted that Rob had contacted Habitat for Humanity. Rob was also going to contact the Missouri Department of Revenue (DOR) to see if they have any established procedures to collect obsolete plates.

Carrie said that Rob is waiting for a response from DOR and that he is hoping Habitat for Humanity could get involved. Carrie said that other states have programs to collect license plates. Art said it would be a good idea if persons could drop off the old plates at the DOR or fee offices. Carrie mentioned the need for security to prevent persons from taking the plates.

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for September 17, 2008, 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, Kathy Crow, Rick Graham, Corey Toebben, Steve Picker, and Mike Kauflin.