

## Recycling Committee Minutes

### 1. Members attending:

Carrie Carroll, Hallmark  
Kristen Hilty, First Church United Methodist  
Ken Luebbering, Grace Episcopal Church  
Jennifer “Jenny” Tergin, Motorsports  
David Grellner, Environmental Specialist, Jefferson City Government  
Lee Waer, Turnbull Law Office, P.C.

### Members absent:

Rob Didriksen, Volunteer  
Reginald H. “Reg” Turnbull, Turnbull Law Office, P.C.

### 2. Date and Location of Meeting:

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

### 3. Minutes from meeting of January 16, 2008:

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

### 4. Old Business:

#### a. Phone Books.

Carrie said that the website has been corrected to use the term “formerly” Exchange Bank rather than “formally”.

Carrie asked David if a bin could be placed at City Hall to old phone books. David said that he does not have an answer. He noted that they do have a bin from M.R.S. Carrie asked if they could obtain another bin. David mentioned the idea of putting a bin out during the summer months to collect outdated phone books to coincide with Embarq’s release of their new phone books.

#### b. Full Containers

Carrie said that the bin on the parking lot by the News Tribune was full on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> when she went there.

Jenny said that persons should flatten boxes before putting them into the bin. David showed the committee decals which will be placed on the city bins. The decals say: Please Flatten Cardboard Boxes. Jenny said that she would

call New World Recycling to see about getting approval to affix the decals on their bin.

c. Newspaper Articles

Carrie said that the News Tribune has not been publishing monthly articles about recycling.

Carrie said that Nancy Vessell's article, "Trash talk should be ugly", was great. It appeared in the February 18, 2008, Sunday edition of the News Tribune.

d. Upcoming Events

Carrie mentioned the events dates of June 21 for the Renaissance Fest, June 28 for the Summer Solstice, and July 4 for the Independence celebration. Jenny said that she has 5 cardboard containers from Habitat for Humanity. Jenny said that she will store the containers until they are needed.

e. Curbside Pickup

David said that the project is in the survey state. Kristen said she knows that from 1,100 to 1,200 survey responses have been received. Jenny said that friends had forwarded the survey to her. Ken said that he forwarded the survey to his friends.

Carrie asked what the next step will be. David said it would be negotiation.

Jenny complained that she would not have access to curbside recycling.

Carrie raised the question of access to curbside recycling by downtown residents and person who reside in apartment complexes. Jenny said that many persons do not recycle because they do not have access to such services. Kristen said that apartment owners have contacted the Environmental Quality Commission to express interest in recycling. Jenny mentioned how Columbia, Missouri recycles.

f. Fluorescent Light Bulbs

David said that they are considering a yearly collection of hazardous waste or possibly, more frequently. He noted that it is very preliminary. David said that the City added information about compact fluorescent bulbs to their website.

David gave committee members an article from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) about fluorescent bulbs.

Carrie mentioned HRT's proximity to Jefferson City and commented on the high cost of their recycling services.

g. Environmental Grant

Jenny said that grants are available through Coca Cola Company NRC Bin Grant Program. Kristen said that the application window is open. Kristen said that Rob sent her information about it. In the prior application period, Coca Cola Company accepted 1300 applications and approved 76.

Jenny said that the program offers different types of bins. Jenny shared a notice from the Coca Cola Company which explained the application process and the types of bins offered. A discussion followed about the use of prestige and special event bins.

Kristen said the application is filed on-line. Jenny shared the application questions that need to be answered. Kristen said that Rob would help.

Jenny said that all events need be listed on the application. Ken asked if DNR has a head count of the number of visitors to Jefferson City. Ken thought that tourism numbers should be included. Carrie said that she will contact Steve Picker.

Kristen said that bin program grantees included schools and cities. Jenny asked whether the City of Jefferson or the Recycling Committee should apply.

Kristen said that Rob recommended that we coordinate with the state and focus on mixed beverage containers. A decision would need to be made on who collects the containers. Jenny mentioned whether it could be included with curbside recycling. Kristen said it would not be part of the recycling program. It was mentioned whether Parks and Recreation or New World Recycling would be interested. Jenny said that it would be ideal if Parks and Recreation could pick up the beverage containers and take them to New World Recycling. There would also be an issue of sorting the aluminum and plastic containers. David will contact Parks and Recreation, and Jenny will contact New World Recycling.

David noted the need to coordinate with Parks and Recreation and New World Recycling and have a bin for collection. David asked what New World Recycling would do with excess collections. Would a certain amount or percentage go to the Recycling Committee for projects?

h. Habitat for Humanity (Can Cottage)

Jenny said that Habitat for Humanity has designed a new can cottage. It will be taller than the current one, and the opening will be different.

i. Church Recycling Efforts

Ken said there is no need for a cooperative agreement amongst the churches. Grace Episcopal Church, First Baptist Church, First Christian Church, and First Church United Methodist have their own bin from M.R.S. Kristen said that she needs to put a sign for the M.R.S. bin.

Ken said that he has not had a chance to speak with Bill Rogers of the Missouri Regional River Library.

j. Miscellaneous

Carrie said that the Audubon Society sent her a questionnaire because she is running for the City Council.

Carrie said that she contacted Hallmark about purchasing canvas bags to sell. The bags would be of a higher quality and sell for around \$5.00. Jenny said that Hy-Vee sells plastic bags to reuse that cost from \$2.00 to \$4.00. Jenny also said that several shoppers were interested in her reusable bags when she went to Wal-Mart. Kristen said that Target now sell bags.

k. Recycling Electronic Equipment

Jenny said that she has taken materials to Columbia, but it is inconvenient.

l. Jefferson City Magazine

Carrie said that she was interviewed for an article. It will appear in the next issue. Carrie also offered to provide articles to the magazine that members would prepare about recycling.

m. Cardboard and Paper Board

David shared an article from the website of the WasteCap of Massachusetts. It provided information about what is considered cardboard. The article also explained that paperboard (such as cereal boxes) is of lower quality and that paperboard should be kept to a minimum in recycling collection. David said that corrugated cardboard is what they want placed in the bins although persons will place paperboard in the bins.

5. New Business

a. Bars On Bins Openings

Ken said that the bars on the bins are a nuisance. Kristen said that she got involved with recycling due to the problem. David explained that persons

have placed bags of garbage into the bins. The bars are there to restrict such inappropriate placements.

b. Aluminum Collection at Memorial Park

Jenny said that she contacted Habitat for Humanity about placing a bin at Memorial Park to collect aluminum cans. New World Recycling is not currently collecting aluminum at Memorial Park.

c. Presentation to School Children

David said that he and Celeste Koon coordinate educational presentations each year to four to five schools. The presentations are designed to help school children learn about recycling. Stan Slaughter from Tall Oaks Production is the speaker at the events.

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for March 19, 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, Colleen Taylor, Rick Graham, Corey Toebben, Steve Picker, and Mike Kauflin.