

Recycling Committee Minutes

1. Members attending:

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

Members absent:

Reginald H. “Reg” Turnbull, Turnbull Law Office, P.C.
Dave Nowack, Natural Connections
Rob Didriksen, Volunteer

2. Date and Location of Meeting:

March 14, 2007, 9 AM at Turnbull Law Office, P.C., 200 E. High St., Jefferson City, MO 65101

3. Minutes from meeting of February 14, 2007:

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

4. Old Business:

a. Recycling Rechargeable Batteries:

It was mentioned that Radio Shack accepts rechargeable batteries. Carrie said that she will ask Steve Picker to add Central Bank to the webpage as a site to drop off rechargeable batteries. Kristen said that Best Buy may also have a bin to place rechargeable batteries for recycling—Kristen said that she would confirm that.

b. Posters:

Carrie asked Lee to will print some more posters.

c. Fluorescent Lights:

Jenny said that she will be taking 42 bulbs to Wal-Mart.

Carrie pointed out that would be expensive for small businesses and Downtown Jefferson City to have a contract with HRT, but the City of Jefferson of Jefferson should consider having a contract.

d. Phone Books.

Jenny shared a drawing of a wooden cover for the proposed receptacle at Exchange Bank West. She also shared a list of materials and cost estimate for constructing the cover. Jenny explained how the cover is hinged and how it works.

Members discussed how to decorate the wooden cover. One suggestion was to place the Downtown Jefferson City logo on it.

Carrie said that she will have to request the funds from Downtown Jefferson City. Carrie asked for a motion to approve the design: Lee made the motion, and David seconded. Motion was approved. Carrie will request \$100 from Downtown Jefferson City.

David asked how often will MRS dump the bin. Jenny thought that personnel from Exchange Bank could call MRS, but MRS could establish a schedule. Carrie noted that there are no other sites for recycling phone books in Jefferson City. Jenny noted that the recycling instructions in the phone book are outdated.

e. Full Containers

Carrie said that the container on parking lot by the News Tribune was full when she went there last week. Carrie said that she also went to New World Recycling and asked an employee to schedule weekly pickups. Carrie said the employee said that they were too busy handling the city sites to do a weekly pickup of the container by the News Tribune.

David mentioned the additional containers that the City of Jefferson will be getting and possible locations. Kristen asked if the City of Jefferson could include the New World container on the city's contract—David said that he was uncertain if it could be added. David mentioned the idea of putting one of the city contracted bins on the parking lot by the News Tribune. Kristen also suggested placing a container at Lincoln University.

f. Newspaper Articles

Carrie said that she had spoken with the editor of the News Tribune about having articles in the paper. She shared information about the recycling of plastic bags as an example to inform the public. Carrie said that editor was

very interested in publishing articles about recycling and that he will work with Kris Hilgedick to develop articles.

g. Changing the Committee Meeting Day

Carrie asked the committee if meeting on the morning of the second Wednesday of each month was still okay. Members thought the day and time were okay.

h. Upcoming Events

Jenny said that she would email Rob and offer help if he needs it for the July 4th holiday event.

i. Curbside Pickup

Kristen said that she will present a proposal to the Environmental Quality Commission at the next meeting.

Kristen said that had spoken with Charlie Lansford. The contract with Allied Waste will expire in 2009; consequently, now is the time to start discussions about curbside pickup. Kristen emphasized the importance of building interest in recycling efforts.

Carrie and David said that they plan to attend the next EQC meeting.

Carrie asked Kristen to email the results of EQC meeting to the Recycling Committee members.

Kristen said that she updated the proposal that she had emailed to the Recycling Committee members. Kristen described the changes such as the rising landfill costs.

Kristen mentioned the “pay as you throw away” as one option. She also noted the issue of having a market for recyclable items and the need to encourage recycling companies or other organizations to participate. She mentioned MRS, prisons, and sheltered workshops as examples.

Kristen also noted that corporate sponsorship would be a good source of support. She said that the shortened lifespan of the local landfill should give Allied Waste an economic interest in having recycling.

David mentioned “AmazingRecycle.com” as a site to review.

j. Plastic Water Bottle

Kristen commented on the adverse problems that plastic water bottles cause to landfills. Carrie mentioned the need to have permanent recycling containers for plastic bottles. Carrie and David discussed the maintenance requirements for collection containers.

Jenny noted that MRS is downtown about everyday, but they do not take plastic. Carrie said that she would contact Mike Kauflin since MRS may be expanding their services.

Kristen noted that Kingdom Projects or Sheltered Workshop might be interested in handling plastics for recycling. David said that he would speak with Charlie Lansford whether the City of Jefferson has an interest in that.

Jenny and Kristen said that persons need to remove the lids from the plastic bottles and drain them before putting the bottles into any recycling bin. It would also help to put tips or instructions on the recycling containers.

5. New Business:

a. New Person Attending

David Grellner introduced himself to the committee. David is an Environmental Specialist with the Department of Community Development, City of Jefferson. David replaces Dean Lamb as the representative from the City of Jefferson.

The committee welcomed David.

b. Recycling Information

Kristen said that when her family came to Jefferson City there was little information regarding New World Recycling. She thought that it would help to better inform persons of the various sites throughout the local area. Members discussed the available websites and links. Carrie mentioned the need for a map.

c. Earth Day Celebration

Carrie mentioned the upcoming Earth Day and a game which will be published in the News Tribune for kids. Carrie shared the game questions with the committee. Various members provided suggestions and additional questions.

Kristen said that the schools should be informed of the game so they can encourage students to participate.

Carrie said that the winner of the contest will receive a \$25 gift certificate. It is being considered to also give kids a small gift when they turn in their answers e. g., a pencil. Carrie showed a catalog about ordering gifts which are made out of recyclable materials. Members discussed the various gifts. It was also mentioned about asking the Downtown Jefferson City about paying for the gifts. Another suggestion was to ask sponsorship from a company such as MRS.

Carrie said that the News Tribune needs to be thanked for their help and for providing a mini-page for the event.

d. Miscellaneous

Jenny said that she had watched the movie “Inconvenient Truth. She said that it was an eye opener. Carrie mentioned that Jenny could review other films about and read books on environmental issues and then provide a review for the website.

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Wednesday April 11, 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 Edith Vogel, and Councilman Peter Oetting; Charles Lansford, Kris Hilgedick, Colleen Taylor, Rick Graham, Corey Toebben, Steve Picker, and Mike Kauflin.