

Recycling Committee Minutes

1. Members attending:

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

Members absent:

Ken Luebbering, Grace Episcopal Church
Beth McGeorge, Volunteer
Rob Didriksen, Volunteer
Reginald H. “Reg” Turnbull, Turnbull Law Office, P.C.

2. Date and Location of Meeting:

May 21, 2008, 9 AM at Turnbull Law Office, P.C., 200 E. High St., Jefferson City, MO 65101

3. Minutes from meeting of April 16, 2008:

Carrie asked for a motion to approve. David moved to approve, and Kristen seconded. Minutes were approved.

4. Old Business:

a. Phone Books.

Carrie said that Greg Gaffke of Embarq would like for us to collect the obsolete phone books like we did last year. David said that it is okay to place a bin at City Hall. Carrie also said that the goal is to have more sites. Jenny agreed that it is important to have more places to accept the phone books. Carrie said that she has not heard from Central Bank.

David asked if there would be competition again to see which place collects the most phone books. Carrie said that there would be no competition this time. Jenny said it should be okay that no prizes will be offered. Carrie said that Embarq will still make a donation to the Samaritan Center.

David asked if the collection date has been set. Carrie said it would begin in June and last for at least two weeks. Jenny said that businesses might not want to have the bins on their premises for a month. Carrie said that she would email businesses and members to give them the dates.

Carrie said that the food drive is a worthwhile project. Jenny recommended that Embarq decide if they want to have another food drive to coincide with the phone book collection. Kristen said that food pantries' supplies are low.

Carrie said that we need to have a person in charge for each bin. She asked David if he would be that person at City Hall. Jenny said that she would contact Hawthorn West. Carrie asked Jenny if she would also check on the bin at Hawthorn East.

Carrie and Art discussed possible collection efforts at the Unilever facility.

b. Newspaper Articles

Jenny said that there have been articles in the paper.

c. Upcoming Events

Jenny said she does not have an update at this time for the July 4th celebration. Carrie said that Rob emailed her and that he can help with the July 4th collection efforts.

Carrie said that we have two options: (1) have Kingdom Projects pick up the plastic bottles and aluminum cans or (2) sort and give the beverage containers to Habitat for Humanity. Kristen said that she has volunteers who can help. Jenny pointed out that Habitat for Humanity has helped us in the last couple of years. Jenny said that it would be nice to allow Habitat for Humanity to help again. Carrie asked Jenny to check with Habitat for Humanity.

Jenny said that she will contact Parks and Recreation about locating the bins.

Carrie mentioned food donations for the volunteers. Jenny said that food might not be needed, but she will look into it and let Carrie know.

Carrie said that once we get the grant it would be natural for Kingdom Projects to handle the collection.

d. Curbside Pickup

Carrie asked for the status. Kristen said it has been given to the Administration Committee of the City Council.

Jenny asked if recycling services will be offered to apartment dwellers. David said that he is not sure of what is planned. Kristen said that she will ask at tomorrow's Environmental Quality Commission meeting.

Kristen said that the proposal would be a contract extension.

Carrie said that Rob recommended constituents contact their Councilmen. Carrie said persons could use email to contact their elected officials.

David said that he does not see how Jefferson City can avoid having curbside recycling. Jenny and Kristen voiced similar conclusions.

e. Fluorescent Light Bulbs

Jenny said that HRT-Group would charge her \$75 to pickup the bulbs. However, her brother will deliver the bulbs to HRT-Group's site. Jenny also said that she will no longer accept 8 foot bulbs. Art said that he did not know that HRT-Group has a pickup charge.

Art also mentioned the need for a city-wide program to collect fluorescent bulbs. Carrie said that it would be helpful to have a pickup once a year. Art mentioned how his employer provides bulbs to HRT-Group once a year.

Kristen, Carrie and Jenny discussed the idea of collecting a fee e.g., hazardous waste charge. Kristen mentioned doing a fund raiser for the project. Carrie mentioned the Downtown Association's \$150 budgeted to the committee as a possible source of funds. Jenny said that maybe we could charge \$1 per bulbs to cover the costs. David asked if it would be a business or residential collection.

Carrie and David discussed ways to handle large amounts of bulbs. Kristen noted there would be a storage issue. Carrie said that we should contact HRT-Group. Art said that HRT-Group needs a 3 day advance notice. Carrie said maybe we could have a collection date in the Fall. Carrie mentioned there could be a liability issue. David suggested a drive-through in which persons would stay in their vehicles while HRT-Group personnel unload the vehicles.

David, Jenny and Art discussed the payment issues.

Art volunteered to use his truck if he is not working. Art said it is unlikely that HRT-Group would want their personnel to wait during the collection.

Jenny said that maybe the committee could earn enough funds to cover the pickup charges.

Lee mentioned that maybe Carrie could raise the issue with the Downtown Association to determine businesses' interest in participating. David said that maybe the News Tribune could provide free advertising. Jenny said that she would contact HRT-Group.

Jenny mentioned having the efforts on a Saturday. David suggested that we limit the time on the first collection. Carrie suggested September or October as possible months and 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. as possible times. Based on Art's

and Carrie's calendars, October 11, 2008, was selected with October 25, 2008, as an alternate date. Art said that he has enough space in his basement to store the bulbs if they cannot be picked up by or delivered to HRT-Group on the collection date.

Lee mentioned that a collection site would be needed and that the property owner might have some liability concerns. Art mentioned a drive-through collection to avoid some liability issues. David mentioned using the area east of the City Hall near the recycling containers.

Art said that maybe HRT-Group could provide containers for us to use. Kristen said that HRT-Group might charge us for those containers. Jenny said that she will call them to determine what they would provide.

f. Environmental Grant

Carrie said that we are waiting for the next grant application cycle.

g. Aluminum Collection at Memorial Park

Jenny said no aluminum cans are being collected at Memorial Park. Jenny said that she contacted Habitat for Humanity twice about the collection of aluminum. Kristen said that she also contacted them.

h. Presentation to School Children

David said the presentation occurred. He shared with the members an article and picture from the May 10, 2008, edition of the News Tribune.

i. Disposing of Plastic Milk Containers

Carrie said that she has not had a chance to check with the Coffee Zone to ask them how they dispose of milk cartons. Carrie mentioned how much space is saved by flattening milk cartons.

5. New Business

a. Bicycles, Mopeds and Motorcycles

Several members discussed the increasing use of bicycles and mopeds as a way to save fuel costs. It was mentioned that riding bicycles in Jefferson City is not as safe as in Columbia.

b. Environmental Status

Jenny said that Tergin Motorsports has a webpage devoted to their recycling efforts. They wanted to let their customers know what they are doing to save the

environment. Jenny said that many persons would like to know what business do with their waste products because many persons would shop at “green” businesses.

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for June 18, 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.