

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
Ken Luebbering, Grace Episcopal Church
Lee Waer, Turnbull Law Office, P.C.

Members absent:

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

Other Persons Attending:

Kris Hilgedick, News Tribune

2. Date and Location of Meeting:

September 19, 2007, 9 AM at Turnbull Law Office, P.C., 200 E. High St.,
Jefferson City, MO 65101

3. Minutes from meeting of August 15, 2007:

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

4. Old Business:

a. Phone Books.

Jenny said that she called the Exchange Bank West facility because the bin was full. Jenny reminded the bank personnel to please call M.R.S. and that bank staff can place books, magazines and paper in the bin.

b. Full Containers

Carrie said that the container on parking lot by the News Tribune has been okay recently.

David asked if persons were flattening the boxes before putting them into the container. Kristen said that persons should flatten the boxes. Carrie agreed with the need to flatten the boxes but expressed concern that placing bars to

restrict the size of the cardboard would create an additional burden for merchants.

Jenny said that she asked New World Recycling about posting a sign about flattening boxes. Jenny said that she will email New World again. David said that he would also contact New World.

c. Newspaper Articles

Kris said that she had been out of the state for an extended period of time and that she regrets not being able to do as many articles as she would want to.

Kris also spoke of the difficulties she had when trying to get information from a business about their recycling efforts.

Jenny asked Kris if members of the committee could compose articles and submit them to the News Tribune. Kris said that she not received an answer from about the committee's composing articles. Carrie said that this would help Kris and that Carrie would contact Richard McGonegal.

Carrie said that maybe the committee could do small articles e.g., tips and where to take plastic for recycling.

Carrie said that M.R.S. and New World are receptive to recycling. Some other businesses may not be interested in having their names listed in the newspaper. Jenny shared her experience with turning in a large amount of scrap metal. Several members speculated that some businesses are geared to handling large commercial amounts rather than lesser amounts generated by households.

Kristen and David mentioned the stealing of copper from vacant houses.

d. Upcoming Events

Jenny said that she will keep the tables until the next July 4th celebration.

e. Curbside Pickup

Kristen said that a grant is being sought to do a professional survey. David mentioned that a survey is needed.

Kristen also said that Allied Waste is considering doing a single stream, three-month pilot project in a selected community.

Kris mentioned that the burn ban issue will be on the ballot. Carrie shared her experience from attending an earlier public burn ban meeting. David discussed some of the options persons have to burning.

f. Plastic Water Bottles

Jenny said that having the bulk water container is working great. She also explained what actions their business takes to reduce the use of plastic and paper cups for the water container.

g. Florescent Light Bulbs

David said that the City is working on getting a grant to accept florescent light bulbs for recycling once a year. It would be similar to the collection of tires.

h. Environmental Grant

Kristen said that she has not contacted Wal-Mart but plans to do so.

i. New Email Site

Jenny explained the email site. She said that Rob has sent her emails which included articles about containers. Jenny noted that some of the containers were very expensive.

Carrie said that she emailed Dave Reed at the Business Times but has not received a reply.

j. Pet Food Cans

Jenny shared her experience with pet food cans and how it is important to identify aluminum cans for recycling. Lee mentioned that he uses a small magnet to help identify certain metals.

k. Small Florescent Light Bulbs

Jenny said that Three Rivers Electric Co-Op does accept compact florescent bulbs that are no longer working. Consumers can drop the bulbs off at the Three Rivers Electric Co-Op offices in Linn and Brazito.

Jenny said she would take care of compact florescent bulbs if persons would drop them off at the same site used to place florescent bulbs.

Carrie mentioned the Downtown Jefferson City web page having information about Three Rivers Electric Co-Op.

l. Chamber of Commerce

Carrie said if a taxing district was established it could lead to more recycling efforts.

m. Habitat for Humanity (Can Cottage)

Jenny said that she has not heard from them. They were designing a more efficient and better container to prevent thefts of cans from the Can Cottage.

5. New Business:

a. Arson at Memorial Park

David said that someone(s) set fire to one bin belonging to the City which was for paper products and one bin belonging to New World Recycling. David said that New World Recycling's container had greater damage due the intensity of the burning plastic. David said that the bins have been replaced.

Kristen asked David if there is a receptacle for aluminum cans at Memorial Park. David said that the containers are not for deposit of aluminum cans. Kristen said that causes a problem for depositing cans for recycling.

Jenny said this could be a good opportunity for Habitat for Humanity to collect aluminum cans. Members discussed access to bins. Kristen said that she will contact Wal-Mart to see if they could assist Habitat for Humanity. Jenny said that Habitat for Humanity gets some funds from an association dealing with card board. Jenny said that she doubts that Wal-Mart can help Habitat for Humanity.

b. Church Recycling Efforts

Ken shared with the committee Grace Episcopal Church's goal to recycle paper and the difficulty the church has in placing a bin due space limitations. Several members recommended that Ken contact M.R.S. about a two-wheel bin. Kristen said that maybe the churches could share a bin.

Jenny asked if the Missouri River Regional Library has a bin that the churches could use. Carrie remarked that maybe the Chamber of Commerce has a bin. Kristen said that she will contact the Chamber of Commerce and the Missouri River Regional Library.

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for October 17, 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 Toeppen, Steve Picker, and Mike Kauflin.