

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
David Grellner, Environmental Specialist, Jefferson City Government
Lee Waer, Turnbull Law Office, P.C.

Members absent:

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

2. Date and Location of Meeting:

September 17, 2008, 9 AM at Turnbull Law Office, P.C., 200 E. High St.,
Jefferson City, MO 65101

3. Minutes from meeting of August 20, 2008:

Carrie said the minutes were emailed to the members. She asked for a motion to approve. Ken moved to approve, and Art seconded. Minutes were approved.

4. Old Business:

a. Phone Books.

Carrie said that there was an article in the Jefferson City magazine about the collection of phone books. She also noted that Embarq’s newsletter also had information. Jenny said that one of the banks still has a bin.

b. T-Shirts

Carrie said that she still has t-shirts for sale for \$12.00 each.

c. Curbside Pickup

Carrie said that the City Council discussed curbside recycling during a work session. Kristen said the Environmental Quality Commission is invited to the September 22, 2008, session.

Jenny asked who else submitted a bid. David said that anybody can bid but not all firms would have the infrastructure to do the work. Carrie said that Allied Waste has the wherewithal to bid. Kristen said that the best possible price was a factor in the decision. Carrie said she hopes that Jefferson City will have a better program because of the comparison study.

Kristen said that an article should be published in the News Tribune to update citizens. Ken asked if there will be a delay. Kristen said it may be 18 months or sometime during 2009. David gave examples of the many decisions that Allied Waste would need to make.

Ken asked if there is still the will to do curbside recycling. Carrie, Kristen, and David said that the curbside recycling plan is still active.

d. Fluorescent Light Bulbs

Carrie said that collection date is October 11, 2008, at the City parking lot east of City Hall. Jenny shared with the members a flyer she had designed. She noted that the plan to get boxes from HRT Group for the bulbs did not work out.

Jenny asked who she should call at the radio stations to make the announcements. Carrie said that she will email Jenny the names of the contact persons. Carrie also said that both stations are very cooperative. Jenny asked if the Downtown Jefferson City will email its members. Carrie said that she will email the News Tribune, Kathy Crow of the Downtown Jefferson City, and the radio stations.

Carrie said that residential and business users can turn in bulbs for recycling.

Jenny asked about businesses' posting the notice. Carrie said that she will provide the notices to the Downtown Jefferson City block captains. Jenny said that she will email the poster to the committee members. She asked that the members then email the poster to organizations, churches and other groups. Kristen suggested that we let the Chamber of Commerce know about the collection effort. Kristen also asked if anyone has notified the schools. Carrie said that she will email Central Bank since they have a recycling committee.

Members discussed how to set up the area and how to handle the traffic. David handed out a map of the area. Kristen mentioned the use of traffic or street cones, and David said that maybe the City Street Department could provide some. Art and Jenny will bring a pickup truck. Art said that if the pickups are not sufficient he can get a larger truck from his father.

Art mentioned the need to have some cash on hand. Kristen suggested \$100.00 as an amount. Members discussed who would be available to help.

Carrie said that she had emailed Nathan Nickolaus.

Jenny said she noticed a lot of fluorescent bulbs sticking out of a dumpster behind a business in the 100 block of East High Street.

e. Environmental Grant

Kristen said that the grant application period opens on September 22, 2008. She said she will apply for 50 to 75 collapsible special event bins. Kristen will email any questions she has to the members. She said that she needs the number of persons who attend events such as the July 4th celebration. Jenny mentioned the Missouri River Regional Library's Cultural Events. David spoke about the upcoming Wild West event at Binder Lake. Ken offered to help review the grant. Kristen said that the deadline is October 17, 2008.

f. Plastic Bags

Carrie said that she has ordered reusable bags for Carrie's Hallmark. David said that he is seeing some businesses use biodegradable bags. Jenny mentioned a type of packing peanuts that will melt.

g. Upcoming events

Carrie noted the upcoming events. Jenny said that she has four bins for the Harvest Fest. Ken said that four bins should be sufficient. Members discussed the need for proper location of the bins. Jenny said that she will put them out ahead of time. Ken said that he will need for someone else to pick them up. Carrie said that she will gather them up and let Jenny know.

h. Tour of Missouri

Carrie said that our collection efforts were very successful. She noted that Beth and Rob had placed the bins and that Art and Rob collected them. Carrie shared an email from Rob in which he had estimated collection of 200-300 pounds of cardboard, 36 pounds of plastic bottles and 75 pounds of aluminum cans.

Jenny asked if Kingdom Projects picked up the materials. Carrie said that they did. Member raised the question about using Kingdom Projects for other collections. Ken said that Habitat for Humanity may have received funds from New World Recycling for the July 4th event.

Members discussed the problems with sorting plastic bottles and aluminum cans from trash and how Kingdom Projects picked up the materials.

i. Missouri Licenses Plates

Carrie said that she received a letter from the Missouri Department of Revenue (DOR). The letter stated that DOR does shred plates but some local offices may be advising clients to throw the obsolete plates away. Carrie said DOR would not give permission for us to partner with them. Art suggested that DOR require persons to turn in the plates or pay a higher fee.

Carrie said that Carol Scott of Habitat for Humanity will contact local car dealers to see if they would collect the obsolete license plates.

5. New Business:

a. School Recycling

Carrie mentioned an email from Penny Quigg about developing a recycling plan for Atkins Stadium and David's email which suggested that the Jefferson City Public School System apply for a grant with the Mid-Missouri Solid Waste District Region H. David discussed the option of the public school's participating.

Kristen said that maybe elementary schools do not recycle. Carrie said that she will contact David Luther to determine what recycling efforts the schools have. Kristen mentioned seeing a full bin at the elementary school. Ken said that we could invite Mr. Luther to a meeting.

Jenny mentioned that St. Peters school has M.R.S. bins set up.

b. Hotels

Carrie showed the committee biodegradable cups and boxes for left over foods which she had received from a hotel in the State of Florida. Members discussed what types of containers the restaurants use in Jefferson City. It was mentioned that the biodegradable items are probably more expensive. Carrie said that the hotel was advocating going "green". She said that our local hotels might not be recycling as many items as they could and that there is a need to work with them.

c. Jefferson City Chamber Business Showcase

It was mentioned that this year's showcase has a "green theme". Carrie said it was nice to be invited. Carrie said that she will not be available to attend. Kristen said that she will also be unavailable. Ken said that he might be available, but he will need to check his schedule. Kristen said that she would work with him. Kristen said it might a good opportunity to explain what the committee has done. It might be an opportunity to advertise the October 11, 2008, fluorescent bulb recycling collection.

d. Transition Towns

Ken said there is a movement in the United Kingdom to set targets for communities to be carbon neutral. He said that we might consider some of their actions. Ken said that he has a website address.

Jenny commented that we don't even have curbside recycling. She discussed how Greensburg, Kansas is going green after being destroyed by a tornado.

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for October 15, 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.