



Meeting Minutes

Green Environmental and Solid Waste Advisory Committee

November 4, 2009

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at St. Peters City Hall.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Joshua Davis, Hank Hermosillo, Vince Kuhn, Susan Niederberger, Tom Ochsner, Ron Darling, HES Manager, Debra Knoble, HES Office Specialist.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

UPDATES – GENERAL:

- **Plastic PS #6 Recycling** - Recycle City did take #6 (Styrofoam) from 1991-1995 when we had an outlet for disposal. Currently it's a challenge and there is no infrastructure in place for dealing with disposal and processing (compact/bale) and it has very little weight or density. EPC's main warehouse in Earth City received a grant for a densifier to process. Ron will look into the potential of EPC partnering with our center as a satellite for drop off so residents would have an outlet for disposal. Staff has a concern with the potential of on-site litter and the cost of transporting to Earth City.
- **Parks Recycling Bins** – Working with Vicky Phillips at parks to finalize container purchase and to apply for more grants funds for additional containers. Hope to make a decision by December.
- **Wild About Recycling Prizes** – Discussed current prizes. Annual Grand Prize drawing will be at Board Meeting on November 19th. Discussed possible prizes for next year and what might motivate residents. Ron still investigating Recycle Bank as alternative to a recycling contest. Look into partnering with Home Depot for contest prizes.
- **Fashion Show** – Displayed various clothing items that encourage recycling. Discussed the potential of a t-shirt (or hats, pens, etc...) for our energy volunteers who will be distributing the CFL's to households. Any suggestions for shirt designs would be welcome. To do: Look into high school or college graphic arts programs for discount printing and determine the cost of organic cotton shirts.

UPDATE – ENERGY

- **Energy Efficiency Grant**
 - **CFL's** - Discussion of how to package for distribution to residents (Keep America Beautiful bags) and vendors that could get best pricing for bulbs with low mercury, energy star rating.
 - **Thermostat** – Discussed the need for energy star classification and ease of use. Asked for suggestions on specific models to evaluate and price.
 - **Nitrogen Tire Generator** - May be in by Christmas, would be the first of its type in the nation.

- **370 Park** - Solar design has not been submitted for Lakeside 370. Looking at alternative locations for LED/Solar applications including the Water Treatment Plant and HES Fleet Building. Suggestion to look into tower short blade windmill as a “rustic” application for 370 Park.
- **Energy Awareness Month**
 - Proclamation signed by Mayor declaring October 2009 as Energy Awareness Month.

UPDATE – GREEN JOBS

- **Recovery Through Retrofit** - October 19th press release from Vice President Biden and copy of the Recovery Through Retrofit Report was passed around and briefly discussed.
- **Green Job at HES** – Opening for a sorter Recycle City.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Article (October 2009) on a solar energy cover installed on an open portion of landfill to collect power. Pros: generates renewable energy, creates a revenue stream and protects the environment.
- Article (October 24, 2009) on EPA requiring oil- and coal-burning power plants to dramatically reduce mercury emissions under an agreement that ends a lawsuit filed by environmentalist.
- Article (October 27, 2009) President Obama to announce \$3.4 billion in spending projects to modernize the nation’s electric power grid system.
- **EDC Sustainability Summit, Nov. 24** – Exploring the Shades of Green Business Practices in St. Charles County 7:30 – 11:00 a.m. at Old Hickory
- **Recycling Pumpkins** – Residents and non-residents can recycle their pumpkins at no charge at Earth Centre, would prefer pumpkins to go into yard waste not landfill.
- **Recycling Christmas Light Strands** – Article passed around on discount of LED lights, Recycle City collected 7 tons of holiday lights last year and hopes to collect even more this year.
- **Pennies for Patriots** – We’ve collected 3400 pounds of aluminum this campaign, which ends November 11th. The City has donated almost \$6,000 to the USO in previous campaigns.
- **Christmas Tree Recycling** – Open to everyone from December 28 – January 18 at Laurel Park (upper lot off McClay), at St. Peters Golf Course and at Earth Center. Trees are available for pick up as well as drop off (recycled trees are good in ponds for fish -flash burned first to remove sap on needles).

NEXT MEETING – DECEMBER 2, 2009

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Debra Knoble.

Signed:

Chairman