

Citizens Advisory Committee on Solid Waste

Minutes

January 17, 2012

Public Works Electric Department Conference Room

7:30 PM

Attendees: Pat Davis, Cathy Lemmon, Janet Dale and Sue Lhotka.

The meeting was opened at 7:30 PM by Sue Lhotka, Refuse & Recycling Coordinator

No changes were made to the minutes.

Sue Lhotka reported:

- The Refuse budget has been prepared with slightly over \$1.10 in cost to residents. This has resulted from three years at no increase and higher than expected tipping costs from Waste Management.
- The City will receive @ \$6400 in additional recycle revenue sharing monies from American for the last 6 months. Sue proposed using the money for a Recycle Right program to the Finance Committee. The program will give awards to residents who recycle right.
- The City has been collaborating with other Northern Virginian jurisdictions on the business recycle reports that are mailed in late January. All jurisdictions will have a standardized form that will make it easier for haulers to respond to all jurisdictions and it will make cohesive data for the region.
- There seems to be more complaints about litter in the City, especially in townhouse communities. This could be contributed to overflowing recycle bins, plastic bags set out too early or too late for collection. Sue is working with HOA's to education people who set out improperly.
- Asked the committee about providing a service to notify them of windy days, snow delays, and service interruptions.
- Would like to do a Rainbarrel sale at the April 21st "Clean Up Manassas" event. Committee was enthusiastic.
- Asked if the committee should give up the stream clean. Cathy Lemmon suggested that we get the Boys and Girl's Club involved, and advertise with the Alice Ferguson foundation as an event.
- Still have to complete stormwater brochures to put up on the website. Will contact other committee members.

Old Business:

Sue distributed possible calendar themes for each month that was emailed to her by Cathy Lemmon and a 12 month template for 2013. She asked each member to choose a month or two and work in recycle, stormwater, suggestions, ideas or HHW schedule for each month. Illana Naylor also sent in some suggestions on how to act "greener" which can be used. Members suggested we select pictures of City locations, one for every month. One suggestion included using a City map used for the Curbside Leaf collection schedule for October/November. Sue explained that we had some complaints about residents raking out leaves not on schedule and causing leaves to blow in neighbor's yards. She asked if using subdivision labels would be more beneficial than street names or even a combination of both to indicate when to rake leaves to the curb. Another problem to over come is if residents have a contracted service. Their schedule not always follows the time period when leaf trucks are in the area. Blocking off /shading leaf clean up weeks would be a new way to show schedules.

Conversation turned to how the calendars could be distributed and when they should be available. The "calendar" season is usually from October to December. June was selected as the target date for completion to give the committee time to design, select pictures, and to obtain a printer. The committee said that they could hand out at the Fall Jubilee, libraries, City Hall, PW, or even doing a neighborhood sweep using volunteer workers.

New Business: None discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 21, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

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