

# Citizens Advisory Committee on Solid Waste

## Minutes

March 27, 2012

Public Works Electric Department Conference Room

7:30 PM

**Attendees:** Cathy Lemmon, Nina Gribov, Illana Naylor, Russ Tozar and Sue Lhotka.

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

Members read the minutes from the previous meeting without making any changes.

Sue Lhotka reported:

- Last month Sue Lhotka reported that there would be an increase in the user fees due to a substantial increase in the tipping fee from Waste Management at the Manassas Transfer Station. She reported that the City continues to negotiate with Waste concerning the increased fees.
- Sue has received most of the business recycling reports but continues to work to retrieve information that is missing. She did report that the residential curbside figures increased slightly to 11,347 compared to 11,013 last year. She equates the increase to increased residents at the Villages of Wellington and an upswing in the economy. The good news is that both the curbside recycle and yardwaste figures are 200 tons higher than last year. This means that 30% of our trash was recycled from the curbside collection. This is a new record. She demonstrated a five year chart showing the increases in recycling and the decrease in trash for City trash.
- Sue is still working on a report of the benefits of using carts over the bins. She will share this report when completed.
- Sue is still investigating a Rain barrel sale at the April 21<sup>st</sup> "Clean Up Manassas" event. She mentioned that there will be a shredding truck available. Several committee members asked if she needed additional help and she said that she would welcome any help even if only an hour.
- Still have to complete stormwater brochures to put up on the website.
- Sue mentioned the Volunteer Reception will be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Didlake Grand Foyer at the Hylton Performing Arts Center.

### Old Business:

Sue had asked that committee members take pictures of the City so we could use them in the calendar. Cathy Lemmon brought in three pictures: one of the airport terminal, a snowy night on Battle Street, and a picture of fireworks over the Pavillon on Fourth of July. Russ Tozar asked if he could use the one for July because he is working on that month. Sue also passed out City pictures. Several had possibilities. Illana asked why all of the pictures that she had seen were landscapes and not people. Sue explained that if they take a picture of a person who is recognizable, then a release for publication needs to be signed by that person. She can obtain the release forms, if needed. Sue reminded the committee that she wanted the calendar to be ready for print by June.

### New Business:

Nina Gribov prepared a slide show of a litter problem in her neighborhood. The committee saw overflowing trash cans on the corner of Jefferson and School Street and trash in a vacant lot on Jefferson Street. She said that the owner of the vacant lot spent a lot of time cleaning up the lot and within a week, it was just as littered as it had been previously. She wanted to know what could be done with this mess. Sue Lhotka told her that several departments could help and gave her the number of the Property Maintenance line to contact. The resident across the street had overflowing trash cans and bags not contained. These are code violations. Sue will contact them for compliance.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM. The next meeting will be scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sue Lhotka*

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