

Citizens Advisory Committee on Solid Waste

Minutes

June 25, 2013

Public Works Electric Conference Room

7:30 PM

Attendees: Cathy Lemmon, Russ Tozar, and Sue Lhotka.

The meeting was opened at 7:30 PM by Sue Lhotka, Refuse & Recycling Coordinator. Minutes were distributed to each member, and therefore not read aloud. Cathy Lemmon made a slight correction to the minutes of May 21, 2013. In old business, she added that the state has asked jurisdictions to "address maintenance on public and private stormwater ponds". This has caused some smaller jurisdictions to complain about cost and liability.

Sue Lhotka reported:

- Calendar is at the printer. Will send copies to each member when available.
- She is working on a Stormwater Kid's page on the website and it will hopefully include a participation game on stormwater. She said that she has emailed a request to use.
- Because of the recent change in Holiday hours at all of the major landfills in Virginia, the City will be delaying Thursday's collection until Saturday.
- The City will be partnering with Prince William County on 2 shredding events to be scheduled in September. She will also schedule another event in October at the Manassas Transfer Station.
- Even though the calendar is finished, Sue is asking for more City pictures to use on the website. She specifically asked for stormwater gutters, litter in the street, flowing water, and anything related to stormwater.
- Sue changed the website to reflect that American is no longer collecting plastic bags curbside. Residents didn't follow instructions and individual bags were getting caught in processing machinery too frequently. Residents may still take their bags within bags to local grocery stores which recycle plastic bags.
- Sue talked about attending Career Day at Round Elementary.
- She also said that she has given out @ 100 t-shirts in a puzzle contest.
- Sue also indicated that she would finish her children's story about "Frankie Fish" who lives in a stormwater pond near Godwin Drive.

Old Business:

The work session with City that was scheduled for July 1, 2013 has been delayed until July 15, 2013 at 6:30PM. The latest version of Chapter 98 was included in members meeting packet.

The City's NPDES permit requires that the committee evaluate its progress on stormwater education. The committee concluded that the City should increase types of stormwater brochures (restaurants, for instance) and concentrate on special kid's pages that would include puzzles, games, fun items to do about stormwater. Sue asked members to look for or create crossword puzzles with a stormwater theme. Russ Tozar volunteered to create some puzzles. In addition, small businesses need to be advised about their part of the stormwater equation. Sue has already created 2 issues of the Stormwater Messenger but felt that the City needs to do more to reach the small businessman. Members suggested that a small business list be procured from the Tax office and that the newsletter be mailed. It is already on the website.

Calendars should be ready for Fall Jubilee. They will be available at City Hall, Customer Service, and at special City events.

New Business: No new business was indicated. A meeting date was not established.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Lhotka

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