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**Sustainability Committee Minutes
February 23, 2012**

- I. Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance.**
- III. Roll Call.**
Present: Rick Sprott, Cindy Sprott, Scott Jones, Guy Wood, Jerry Halpern, Christie Germscheid, Jo Mixon, Andrew Gonzales
Excused: Carol Rupp
Absent: Tara Chisum, Scott Gibson
Guests: Ben Liddle (MVHS), Clay Bredthauer (MVHS), Anita George
- IV. Approval of Agenda.** A motion was made by Scott J. to approve the agenda. Guy seconded the motion. Agenda was approved unanimously.
- V. Approval of Minutes.** Minutes from November 2011 were approved unanimously. Jerry made the motion to approve. Scott J. seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
- VI. Old Business** No old business.
- VII. New Business**

A motion was made by Scott J. to approve Ben Liddle as the alternate for Andrew Gonzales to represent the MVHS while Andrew is away as a foreign exchange student. Guy seconded the motion. The committee approved the motion unanimously.

A motion was made by Guy to approve Anita George as a member of the committee and serve as the adult liaison for the MVHS. Scott J. seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

VIII. Reports

- A. Education and Outreach (E&O) Tara
1-3 Deferred.
4. Ben Liddle will write a Trash Talk article for March. The deadline for submission is March 23, 2012.

Action Items:

1. Tara – make best use of posters provided by NMRC.
 2. Tara – arrange a tour of the Transfer Station for MVHS and Angel Fire Ski School.
 3. All – Use the NMRC flyer “What do we do with it now?” And make recommendations to Tara to adapt it for Angel Fire requirements.
 4. Ben Liddle – write Trash Talk article for March
- B. E&O – Business – Carol and Jo
1. Jo reported that the business sector meetings are beginning to come together. Assessments will be planned after the ski operations close for the season (March 25). Cat Adams from Angel Fired Pizza is willing to do the first assessment in April and serve as an example for other businesses. Jo will coordinate a group photo of the committee at the recycling center to feature in the Chamber Blast – “Jo Knows”. Jo reported that 75 percent of the chamber business members have filled out assessment surveys. This information will be sent to NMSU and NMED as in-kind support to justify their grants.

Action Items:

1. Rick – follow up with Jo on getting business assessment. Get a Retailers Association contact list.
2. Jo – Do a Chamber Blast on the Sustainability Committee efforts.

C. E&O – Residential – Jerry

1. The Village has still not approved funds to purchase the magnets. Rick is still working with Lupita and Thomas to get money. Rick plans to talk to the village council next Tuesday about getting funds in next year's budget. Christie will address rolling our recycling needs into next year's budget.
2. Anita George is working with property managers about using environmentally friendly products for cleaning. Jerry will provide NMRC flyers for her to distribute to the property managers.

Action Items:

1. Rick – Get Village approval and funding for magnet purchase order. Place order for magnets.
2. Rick – ask city council to bundle recycling financial needs and present it to the planning committees for the next fiscal year. Ask the council to insure that recycling revenues stay within the solid waste department. Ask that current revenue be allocated to purchase the resources we requested in the spring of 2011, i.e.: magnets, signage, etc.

D. E&O – Media - Guy

1. Guy reported that Amy is still working on getting recycling information on the backside of Kit Carson utility bills.
2. Guy reported that the Lights for Life program is completed for the year (2011). They are no longer taking the Christmas lights at Rio Grande Ace in Taos, but Shawn Walker stated that he would still accept them. Regionally, the program was a great success. Totals will be reported later this year.

Action Items:

1. Guy – Get Amy information on recycling plastics for the next billing cycle.
2. Guy – Continue with Lights for Life program.
3. Guy – Provide Chamber of Commerce the filler information to include “OSO” the bear for Chamber Blast. Also send to Maren and Dave D. at the resort for their employee newsletter.
4. Add a filler for the Chronicle to remind people that the green trailers are for “Corrugated Cardboard Only”. Please flatten before placing in the trailer.

E. Resort -Nate and Christie

1. Christie reported that she is working on getting a new resort representative to replace Nate. He is extremely busy and has difficulty attending meetings. She is also working with the resort to get a glass recycling receptacle for outside the Village Haus restaurant/bar area.

Action Items:

1. Nate – continue efforts with the resort Green Team. Get bins and other materials ordered and in place before the beginning of ski season.
2. Nate - Check trailers for pick up when they are full.

F. Grants and Website - Scott J.

1. Scott J. reported that we have applied for two new grants. We are asking for 14 to 16 new bins for the recycling park. The grant was written as a “hub and spoke” project, but we would like to use them at the park. We have also asked for funds for signage. There is currently nothing available from Keep America Beautiful for grants.
2. Scott reported that Cimarron received the NMRC signage that we requested in a grant. He also reported that Lowes offers grants periodically for recycling efforts and will submit applications when they come available.
3. Scott reported that there are no more 501(3)c grant opportunities at this time.

Action Items:

1. Scott J. - Send Rick a list of what is expected from KAB to justify the 250 bins we received and plans for their use.
2. Scott, Rick, Jerry – explore adding recycling information to local real estate business information. Add our clip art to their information. Get property managers and businesses excited and participating in the programs.
3. Rick – determine how to distribute the Anhauser Busch grant bins to businesses.
4. All – Send out the website to your friends and contacts on Face book to develop a larger community.
5. Scott J. – Continue to search of grant opportunities.
6. All – Provide information to Scott J. for website information.

G. Committee Administration - Cindy and Rick

1. Rick reported on the signage for the recycling park. Eric Hoffman at Mammoth Mills is excited about helping with signs. They would like to add a façade around the Village electronic sign. They will provide a formal estimate but think it will be around \$5,000.
2. Rick has talked to several landscapers about work on the recycling park. Olgiun Landscaping and Canyon Landscaping would like to participate.
3. It was suggested that the use of crushed glass be considered in the park landscaping project. It was also suggested that the MVHS be invited to work on this project in the spring
4. It was reported that we are having some difficulty on getting new signs on highway 434. Adam Romero, DOT, has a conflicting view on replacing the existing signs. Rick will contact the state environmental department to see if they can help. The “Transfer Station” name has changed to the “Solid Waste Collection Center” so a new sign is needed to identify them. Christie will continue to put pressure on Adam to get them to replace the old sign.
5. Rick met with Mindy Cahill and Chris Sawyer in Cimarron to make arrangements to get recyclable from Cimarron and Philmont to Angel Fire. Philmont may bail all of their cardboard, and put it, and plastics collected, on the empty truck returning from Wagon Mound land fill. Philmont needs to get some consideration for baling the cardboard which reduces the workload on Angel Fire staff.

Action Items:

1. Rick – contact local businesses on recycling park landscaping project. Make sure that the final project will look professional. Insure that the landscapers are ready to do what they have committed to as soon as possible.
2. Rick - Check on status of old bus stop materials for kiosks in the recycling park.
3. Rick – get commitments from Village Administration on funds for magnets, cards, flyers, etc.
4. All – give Rick an estimate of hours spent on committee work.
5. Rick – give Chris Campbell the report on the in-kind work from the committee.
6. Rick – contact the state environmental department about issues on signage on highway 434.

H. Planning and Hub Relationship – Rick

1. Rick reported that Cimarron and Philmont are still working with us. We might be able to swap our new blue trailer to make best use of the equipment we have.

Action Items:

1. Rick – Work with Cimarron and Philmont on getting a local transporter for recyclables.

I. Department Operations - Scott G.

1. Deferred. Scott G. was absent
2. Andrew Gonzales and Ben Liddle are working with Jackie at the High School to get tours of the recycling center for the students scheduled. They are trying to locate the video “Addicted to Plastic” to be shown again at the school.

3. The question of having an intern at the recycling center was brought up. Butch Steinman was not aware of this and did not think that the department could pay a student to work this summer. Rick will check with Scott G., who brought it up in January's committee meeting.

Action Items:

1. Scott G. Andrew G. – set up open house tours for MVHS students. Best days are Tues – Thurs with 20 students or less on each tour.
2. Scott G. – Consult with Department managers to determine if an intern program for students to learn about recycling and waste management is appropriate and/or supportable.
3. Scott G. – Coordinate with Joel B. on an e-waste collection container.
4. Scott G. – Have Christine email prior month's data to Rick by 15th of following month.
5. Scott G. – Add cooking oil collected & bio-diesel produced and mixed paper to monthly statistics.

IX. Requests and Responses from the Audience

None.

A motion for adjourn was made by Andrew. Scott J. seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 10 a.m.

X. Next meeting will be at 9 a.m., March 22, 2012 at Village Hall