

CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2010
TIME: 5:15 P.M.
LOCATION: CITY HALL
MCCLOSKEY CONFERENCE ROOM
BLOOMINGTON, IN 47401
(812) 349-2020

CALL TO ORDER
5:19 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES

Steve Akers
Jerry Jochim
Kevin Dogan
Tim Frazier
Ron Howard
Kyla Cox

Scott Morgan, Operations Director, Monroe County Solid Waste Management

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Frazier moved to approve the minutes from the February 23 meeting, and Dogan seconded.

PRESENTATION: MRF OPERATION VIDEO

Akers announced that Jochim had a video about Hoosier Disposal and their MRF, and the committee viewed it. Akers mentioned that Elisa Pokral might like the video for some of her educational programs.

ADOPT-A-ROAD

Akers reminded the group that he needed to know who would like to volunteer to help clean the CAC adopted road. The group will be meeting at Kroger on S. Old 37 at 11 a.m. between the Wendy's and the gas station. Akers said that Ray of Mother Bear's Pizza donated some pizza to the group for the clean up day. Cox recommended that volunteers meet at 11:30, and Akers confirmed that he would bring the equipment. Akers recommended that volunteers bring a chair. Dogan recommended work shoes and long pants.

BULKY ITEM DAYS

Akers reminded the group that the Spring Bulky Item Days will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 9 and 10. Akers said there have been many articles in the paper announcing it. Akers said that the CAC participation would be primarily at the gate. Morgan said that the reuse agencies might need help in addition to the front gate. Jochim said he can work on Friday morning, Frazier said he could work the afternoon on either Friday or Saturday possibly, Dogan said he could work Friday or Saturday morning, and Cox said she could work on Friday or Saturday afternoon.

COALITION CONFERENCE

Akers asked if anyone would like to attend the conference on May 4-6, and recommended that members contact Morgan. Morgan said he needs to know by the close of business on Thursday. Akers, Jochim, and Frazier said they'd like to attend.

ELECTRONIC WASTE

Akers announced that the IU E-Waste Collection days are April 8, 9, and 10. Thursday and Friday, it will take place 9-2, primarily for businesses and nonprofits. Saturday, it will be open 9-2 to the public. It will be in the north end of the stadium lot and people will be available to unload items from vehicles. They will accept computer systems and accessories, handheld devices such as cell phones, audio and video equipment such as TVs, office equipment such as scanners and faxes. They will not take hazardous materials,

contaminated equipment, Styrofoam, or trash. 841,000 pounds was recycled last year, and Akers said he expect there will be more.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Morgan said he has more Bulky Item Days flyers if anyone needs them.

Akers said that at IU, Recyclemania is underway. It is a national contest that started in January and ends in March, and IU RPS has collected 600 tons of waste to the Hoosier Disposal MRF, 120 tons of co-mingled material, and another 30 tons of cardboard. Akers said it has given them much more specific data about their disposal to work on in the future. The public can check out the challenge at recyclemania.com. Akers said the percentage per capita is more, but area schools are beating IU in the amount of material recycled.

OLD BUSINESS

Akers said that he and Cox had discussed an idea CAC considered pursuing, which was examining recycling going on in the restaurant and bar industry. Jennifer Larson looked at what Pizza X was doing as a company in terms of recycling and created a PowerPoint. Akers asked if the CAC would like to do some research about what is happening with recycling in local restaurants. Frazier said it would be good to get a better idea of what different types of restaurants are currently doing. Jochim asked Morgan if the Green Business Network could give CAC an idea of what is happening. Morgan said the location of the business affects their ability to recycle. Akers suggested that the CAC examine the successful businesses that are actively recycling and learn what will work. Morgan said that Chad Roeder from Pedal Power is able to maneuver into tight areas. Akers said he spoke to Roeder about his business and Roeder said it is expanding. Morgan suggested checking with him to learn about what businesses are using his services. Akers said he would ask what businesses are involved with Pedal Power. Frazier said he would be fine with checking with restaurants. Morgan said if they are not getting services from Hoosier, Green Business Network, or Pedal Power, they probably aren't recycling. Dogan reminded the group of a suggestion that CAC put together a comprehensive plan for restaurants. Morgan said surveying restaurants would be a good idea to find out what they really need. Akers said he will talk to Roeder about the bars downtown that he is serving, and others can look at different areas to see what is working. Akers said he wasn't sure what happens on the eastside of Bloomington. Howard said that most of the bigger chain restaurants recycle, at least cardboard, and the mall is very active. Akers said he knew that there was a consolidation plan for downtown restaurants, and Howard said that they did that with trash, and it should work for recycling, too. Jochim said Larry Barker had mentioned the idea of a compactor that could be shared among restaurants. Morgan said that the issue with a compactor is getting the material picked up with an appropriate truck. Howard said that Hoosier had to go to a front load truck for that area and that it is very tight. Akers said if a survey is done and CAC can come up with a plan for the interior disposal and consider the exterior. Frazier said it could also be expanded to other businesses besides restaurants. Akers asked about banking recycling, and Frazier said that Regions uses a shredding company called Shred It, and Cox mentioned the Confidential Document Destruction.

Dogan recommended creating a document about recycling in Bloomington. Morgan said he would hate to see some businesses see a backlash if they cannot sustain recycling due to their space issues. Dogan said that as it continues to grow, that will be a success in itself, and we can continue to explore ways to work with those small space confines. Morgan will get information from Green Business, Akers will do some research with Pedal Power and call on restaurants, Frazier said he can contact businesses, and Howard said he would be happy to help, too. Jochim said he is sure that some businesses come down to unload recycling at the District, and Morgan said yes, they see it. Jochim said once initial contacts are done, CAC should follow up with a survey to find out all the approaches taken by businesses. Morgan said he believes there is likely a lot of activity know one at the table is aware of. Akers said this would be an ongoing project. Dogan said he could start to work on a survey. Morgan said it would be nice if it could be paperless, and if it could highlight restaurants that are recycling. Cox said she would contact Paul Busby at the Bloomington Independent Restaurant Association about distributing a survey to members.

Akers thanked CATS for publicizing meetings, and welcomed members of the public to attend our meetings. Cox asked if CAC was still seeking members and Akers said yes. Morgan said he believe the next CAC will be on April 27, and Akers said he would review the schedule and send an e-mail.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.