

CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2010
TIME: 5:15 P.M.
LOCATION: CITY HALL
MCCLOSKEY CONFERENCE ROOM
BLOOMINGTON, IN 47401
(812) 349-2020

CALL TO ORDER
5:16 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES

Jim Tolen
Kevin Dogan
Jerry Jochim
Steve Akers
Tim Frazier
Kyla Cox
Jeff Roll

Larry D. Barker, Executive Director, Monroe County Solid Waste Management

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dogan moved to approve the minutes, Frazier seconded.

RECYCLING SURVEY UPDATE

Cox arrived at 5:20 p.m. Akers discussed Pedal Power, and mentioned that he had contacted Chad Roeder about the business and whom he is currently serving. Akers said Pedal Power handled the material that came from Briscoe Quad on campus for the Hoosier-to-Hoosier sale.

Kevin Dogan presented a survey he drafted to evaluate current recycling programs and recycling needs among restaurants and bars in Bloomington. He wanted to gather standard information to determine where to go from here, and wanted the survey to have a flow and get whoever begins the survey to complete the entire survey.

Akers asked about the question about being listed in a directory and whether that would be part of the Green Business plan, and Barker said that it could be considered part of the Green Business plan, and the district currently has a list. Dogan said it would be nice to have a sheet of businesses that are participating for public reference. That may preclude a poster or sticker that could be featured in a window. Barker said there could be a competition among establishments and name a quarterly winner. Tolen said having an incentive for participating businesses would be nice. Barker said in the directory, having the business listed in green would be a good recognition. Akers said that they just finished Recyclemania on campus and the energy challenge, and Recyclemania was for bragging rights and the energy challenge did have some money pooled by the Greek system for awards. Dogan said that recognition will go a long way for businesses. Akers said the CAC could do a decal within the CAC budget. Tolen mentioned that Trojan Horse has been active in environmental issues. Dogan said he considered adding a question about how long the business has been recycling. Barker said that the survey should ask how much is being saved in trash bill instead of how much is being spent. Barker said most companies charge based on the size of the toter, so many do save on trash cost. Dogan said there could be some people who save their money, and he agreed with Barker that he could rephrase that question to focus on savings instead of cost.

Cox recommended adding other green practices to the survey information, such as reducing and composting. Dogan said that could be added. Dogan suggested keeping the survey to one page. Cox recommended sending a version on Survey Monkey to send to Bloomington Independent Restaurant Association. Barker asked who would receive the survey, and Dogan said the Bloomington area. Barker

said the Health Department would have the list of all restaurants. Dogan said the committee discussed sending it through merchant organizations, and that may have better response. Cox mentioned that the committee will want to target specific owners because there may be some that are part of a franchise. Dogan said we would probably be better to send it to every location so that we can get information specific to each place since many things may vary. Tolen asked if we've ever surveyed nonprofits, Barker said no, but that is around the bend after the MRF project. Akers suggested that the members read and send more comments to Dogan, and Dogan said please send comments within a week. Tolen thanked Dogan for compiling this information, and said he believed we could get good ideas from this survey. Akers said one thing the committee may discover is a larger response about something like composting, where businesses don't know what they might be able to do or how to do it. Akers said the committee needs to be sure we are not too ambitious and that we should try to focus on specific areas. Dogan said if this goes well, we could do an annual survey and begin surveying for other information. Akers said he liked the idea of doing the survey annually. Dogan said he is hoping that in the review, we can come up with various incentives. Jochim said it looks good. Akers and the rest of the group thanked Dogan for his work.

BULKY ITEM DAYS

Barker said Bulky Item Days this spring brought in 114 tons of trash, which was a 42.8-ton increase from last year on trash. Scrap metal went from 6.10 tons to 15.21 tons in 2010. Barker said the only down side is that the traffic counter malfunctioned. Barker said he is waiting to get the reuse numbers. Barker thanked the CAC, Hoosier Disposal, County Garage, and the Fair Board for making it a successful event. Akers said it was amazing, with crowds lined up.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Akers gave an update on the Hoosier-to-Hoosier sale. Akers said all of the residence hall materials collected were sent to the stadium. Some material from building renovations and Greek houses, as well as apartment complexes, were sent to the sale collection. Akers said word is spreading and other complexes are getting involved. Akers said the sale will be August 21. United Way is involved and ReStore is, too. Akers said this summer there will be some public drop offs. One on June 21, and maybe in July and he recommended that the public watch the newspaper. Akers said they have already gone to many off-campus apartments.

OLD BUSINESS

Tolen mentioned the bed bugs segment of the conversation from the last meeting and he appreciated that being documented. Akers said it is becoming more and more of an issue and they are dealing with that with the Hoosier-to-Hoosier sale. Barker asked about the dry ice that attracts them. Jochim said you can put a dish, turned up side down, put a thermos on top and open the spout with dry ice inside, and it emits CO2 and attracts them. Jochim said if you heat things up over 120 you can kill them. Akers said it does affect our handling of reuse. Tolen said it was a real education to see the two organizations that handle reuse determine what was acceptable and what was not. Cox mentioned that the bed bugs discussion was featured on CATS news.

ADOPT-A-ROAD

Cox said the committee needs to determine what wording should place on the sign. Barker said he recommends doing Citizens Advisory Committee, with MCSWMD below. Jochim asked if it could be Solid Waste Management District, and Barker said yes. Dogan agreed that Solid Waste District would be good. Akers said he'd send it to Tom McGlasson for a few options. Dogan said he thought "Monroe County" would be the least important. Akers asked when the next pick up should be and Dogan recommended June, and Akers mentioned September. Dogan asked if four pick-ups is required even if the road is clean, and Barker said not really. Dogan and Cox suggested June, September, and November.

NEW CAC MEMBER APPLICATIONS

Akers introduced Jeff Roll, who works for Rumpke. Roll said that Rumpke is the largest privately owned businesses in waste management. He said that Rumpke built a strong foothold in the area, but sold to Hoosier Disposal. Rumpke runs the landfill on Hwy 50 outside Medora. They offer front load and rolloff bins and plan to do recycling as well. Akers said Roll has submitted a letter of interest. Jochim asked what Rumpke will recycle. Roll said everything except glass, and right now they offer apartment recycling.

Rumpke in Louisville has a single stream recycling facility.

Akers mentioned other potential members: Betsy Troske and Dan Grondall, and Cox has a friend, Sarah Bowman, who is interested. Dogan suggested we check for the number of slots open, and Akers said he would check with Brenda.

Meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.