

CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)  
MINUTES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2010

TIME: 5:15 P.M.

LOCATION: MONROE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT LIBRARY  
BLOOMINGTON, IN 47401  
(812) 349-2020

INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES

Jim Tolen

John Arnold

Jeff Roll

Kevin Dogan (arrived at 5:30)

Tim Frazier (arrived at 5:45)

Larry D. Barker, Monroe County Solid Waste Management District (arrived at 5:30)

Scott Morgan, Monroe County Solid Waste Management District

Clark Sorensen, SW Indiana Recycled Products

Dave Parsons, Dash Round LLC Real Compost

Deanna Lahre, SW Indiana Recycled Products

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Cox moved to approve the August 17 minutes (for lack of a motion by another member who attended the meeting), and Tolen seconded approval.

SW INDIANA RECYCLED PRODUCTS (SWIRP)

Akers introduced Sorensen from SW Indiana Recycled Products. Sorensen said he and Parsons learned about government bonds that were available and they applied for bond authority. Sorensen said the proposal for 661,000 worth of bonds met the standards of the county commissioners. Sorensen said he started working on his business idea because he was fascinated by glass and read an article about using it for gardening. Sorensen said he believes that this is a good opportunity to remove waste from the stream. He would like to reach 80% sustainability in the next 20 years. Sorensen said he wants to close the cycle between food waste and food and that biofuels are also a project possibility.

Akers said the glass project intrigues the CAC, especially as a local option. Due to weight, it is difficult and expensive to transport. Akers said the CAC has toyed with an idea to set up a network for the bars and restaurants for glass disposal. Sorensen reported that Lahre's analysis determined that the 700 tons of glass produced by our community wouldn't be enough product to get back money to cover the larger bond they were originally considering. There are also other reuse options like countertops, pots, and so on. Akers asked if there is a site, and Sorensen said the original proposal was to locate with the MRF and he'd like to be able to co-locate. Sorensen said he and Parsons spoke to Randy Cassady about the project briefly.

Tolen said the group is to be commended for embarking on this project and complimented them on their organization. Tolen said he is surprised that 700 tons is all that the county is producing in glass waste. Lahre discussed FilterPave, a product from Wisconsin that is 80% glass, 17% plastic and the rest is adhesive sand. Lahre said it is good for bike paths, sidewalks, and so on. Ninety beer bottles will produce one square foot. Lahre said that the pave is permeable, so there aren't runoff issues like pavement.

Akers said even though many would like to see glass go away, with the controversy about plastic leaching, glass may become the choice material. Akers said he feels that the group is primed in the right place for something like the MRF. Morgan said that truck traffic should be a consideration when SWIRP looks for a site. Sorensen said that if the glass is separated by color, you can get a broad spectrum of colors and it can become an art materials. It is a good way to create jobs. Parsons said he spoke to David Hill said the state didn't have the permitting set up for food composting. He called IDEM and they said they are aware of this problem, but they are fixing it and issuing permits. The SWIRP Web site is [www.swirp.org](http://www.swirp.org). Sorensen said he'd be happy to send copies. Tolen thanked the group for speaking. Akers recommended that SWIRP work with Pedal Power would be useful, and working with Shelby and the City would also be a good idea. Sorensen, Parsons, and Lahre thanked the CAC for their time and left the meeting.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Akers thanked Frazier for making the report at the Board meeting. Tolen thanked Roll for helping with the Adopt-a-Road service. Akers said CAC would have to have another date for the pick up.

Akers said he sent an e-mail that discussed what CAC covered at the August meeting. Morgan said there is another opportunity for an annual conference coming up that could impact the budget: the Indiana Association of Solid Waste Management Conference. Tolen asked if the CAC members were good stewards of the money, and Akers said CAC was so good, it didn't spend it. Akers said that the first item on the proposed budget for 2011 is replenishing the supply of bags. Dogan said CAC may want to look at other options aside from reusable bags because there are so many in the market. Akers said he's got brochures of items that can be made with recycled materials. Dogan said the bags are nice, so it might be hard to find another item that has that dual purpose. Morgan said he also has many bags, and he also knows that the same people come out time and time again. Akers said a guest speaker about bar and restaurant recycling would be another good option for using allocated funds. Akers said that if CAC surveys more than 100 people, CAC would need to pay for a subscription. Akers also included printing and postage for costs related to the survey and program for restaurants. The decals and awards for the restaurant program has been listed on the budget sheet. Akers mentioned that at IU they make awards out of reclaimed items. Cox mentioned an option for a giveaway that is a sandwich bag that can be reused. Barker said Shirley needs to know if there will be any expenditures for this fiscal year. Dogan said perhaps CAC should allocate for

printing and postage this year, and Morgan said the other conference is this fall. Barker said it is fine for the CAC to vote by e-mail on the budget, but he needs to know by next week if money is going to be used this fiscal year. Only \$300 has been used. Cox suggested we talk to Roeder about creating an award with one of the award centers for engraving.

Akers reminded everyone that the meetings are now in the Library on the first Thursdays.

#### ASSOCIATION OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

Morgan said the Association of Solid Waste Management conference is October 19 and 20. Morgan said Brenda Strauss would take care of registrations. Legislation and programs are discussed. The deadline is October 8, so CAC members should bring the form back next month. Barker said most districts have a board or CAC member attend. Akers asked the CAC membership to e-mail him by the end of the weekend if they were interested.

#### BULKY ITEM DAYS

Morgan said he has flyers. The set-up will be the same as the past. The CAC will coordinate the reuse agencies. The event will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days and the entry will be at gate 3 on Airport Road. Akers said he'd like to determine who the agencies would be. The last few CAC invited ReStore and St. Vincent DePaul. Dogan said CAC had discussed this in the past, and he believes we should be open to other groups that may be interested. Barker said there is ample space for a third entity in addition to what we have. Akers said if there is an agency out there that is interested in being a part of the reuse coordination, they should call 349-2020. Dogan said CAC needs to be prepared to tell them the volume to expect. Barker said ReStore is interested again. Dogan said ReStore has to turn some items away. Barker mentioned the bed bug screening dog. Akers said he'd like to tell the reuse agencies not to reuse the mattresses. Akers said the dog is very expensive and probably cost-prohibitive. Morgan said the fall is usually down in participation compared to spring.

#### HOOSIER TO HOOSIER SALE

Akers said the Hoosier to Hoosier sale was a community sale that IU, City of Bloomington, ReStore and other agencies put together as one effort. A portion of the proceeds went to seed money for next year, 80% to United Way, a total of \$10,400 was made, and 15 to 20 tons of waste was kept out of the landfill. Items were priced to sell and inexpensive. Akers said there was some stuff that was not purchased and those items were given to three reuse agencies with trucks. There will be another sale next year. Early birds came and wiped out furniture in an hour. Athletics were a major sponsor with the site donation and volunteer help. Akers said it made connections between the City and IU.

Frazier said Karol Stewart plans to write a letter and she is interested. Akers said there are still openings for the CAC and invited the public to apply.

Tolen thanked CATS for covering the meeting. Barker said the district has done nearly four shipments (about 18 tons) of electronics waste for disposal and it is working well.

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