

Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee -- November 19, 2014 Minutes

Meeting called to order 10 a.m.

Members present - Lydia Hamnquist, Jen Rumpza, Anna Meade

Trash barrel project - Lydia just had a meeting with Rich Waldo at 9 a.m. and one of the things they spoke about was this project. He was under the impression that the theme of the art work was to be the 2020 anniversary. Artists also need to understand that the top third of the barrel is covered by the trash bag. Prepping of the barrels is important and even though Lydia and Susanalice had prepped 4 barrels for the project, those barrels were deployed to the street and so far the artists have prepped the barrels themselves. We need to coordinate the base coat on the barrels and the designs. Themes for the art should be "America's First Destination" as well as environmental awareness and the concept of 2020 also implies hindsight and forethought. Perhaps we should try to involve the 2020 committee and the art commission in the project. There may be a new Americorps person in January who can help with the prepping. Jen is going to talk to Chris McCarthy about bringing groups together.

Plastic bag reduction - Lydia has been dealing with public response. Aaron sent out an email to businesses about the article that was passed.

Eric Larsen arrived at 10:35 a.m. and talked about what was happening with DPW projects. He will let us know about the painted barrels that are at the DPW garage.

2016 budget - Dan Hoort sent Lydia the 2016 budget and she changed it to reflect our plans for the next fiscal year. Our budget is \$2,750 with \$250 for travel to seminars, \$1,000 for printed materials and \$1,500 for promotional materials. We hope to start a program of cotton bags with 2020 and recycling logos to be sold to locals and tourists. We need that money to go into a gift fund account as opposed to the general fund so we can use the profits to buy more bags. We want to encourage locals and tourists to use these bags instead of plastic bags. Rachael Harrington is helping us get sample bags and she will print them.

Solar panels at the transfer station were supposed to be turned on this week but has been postponed to next week.

Austin came by to let us know that the announcement of what towns have been chosen for the Solarize Mass program will take place on Monday.

Meeting minutes from 11/5 were approved. Next meeting is 12/4/14. Meeting adjourned at 11:30.