

RECYCLING CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES- Meeting Date 11 Jun 2014

PRESENT: Craig Flaherty (Chair), Dot Kelly, Allison Stolar, Wendy Ward, Terry Gaffney. Also present: Sally Ijams- Darien Library, Michael Lynch- Darien Board of Education- Director of Operations

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Move to approve as written; seconded and approved unanimously.

BUSINESS & INSTITUTIONAL SINGLE STREAM CONVERSION

- Library will host all communication on an interactive site
- Marketing material from RCAC should be used to promote site
- Create letter to editor and see about having an article published as well
- Suggestion to ask for advertising money was discussed; will be tabled for the time being
- Suggestion made to work with haulers to put stickers on their monthly bill.
 - Wendy Ward to reach out to haulers to enlist their aid
- Suggestion made since Darien is a small town, the personal touch is probably the most effective route.
 - Suggestion to create a sticker for businesses who choose to comply and publish same

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

LIBRARY

- Library initiated SSR switch-over on May 19th
- Staff supplied with Spanish language instruction very well received; staff happy and cooperative
- Savings on trash bill- 50 fewer trash liner bags used EACH DAY!
- Either one additional pickup or an additional dumpster may be required
- TV screens in library used to inform public
- Recycling Tri-fold to be handed out at CSA (Farmer's Market drop-off)
- Looking for aesthetically pleasing outdoor recycling and trash receptacles
- Presentation made last week to Rhode Island Library Association noting that Darien Library has taken the lead in SSR education within our community; reception was very positive
- Library will explore hosting a DCC event to promote SSR

SWAP SHOP

- City Carting will empty two SSR totes at Swap Shop daily, 2x on Saturdays

DECAL

- Latest version of decal meant to be placed on totes presented.
- A motion made to approve sticker made, seconded, and passed unanimously.
 - .90 each for 1,000; cost per unit would lower with higher quantity order
 - 400 stickers needed for schools alone
- Suggestion made to increase quantity to the next price-break point, up to 2,000
 - Allison to follow through with printer

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- Pre-schools meet in January and August

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

- Carts with wheels with double-trucks needed at Holmes,
- Ox Ridge and High School already have 'double-truck' carts on wheels for cleaning crews which accommodate both trash and recycling bins
 - Makes it MUCH simpler for cleaning crews to effectively implement recycling.
 - Will table discussion on how to fund additional trucks

DARIEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RECYCLING REPORT presented.

- Discussion ensued over tone of message; should it be a directive or a suggested guideline.
- Proscription of color on trash bins untenable as school system has cans of many colors.
 - Suggestion that dark blue used for recycling, all other colors to be used for trash.
- Suggestion made info on SSR be given to principals before school year starts to share with staff.
 - Power point presentation a possibility?

MIDDLESEX MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Michael Lynch meeting with MMS principal Debbie Bocanfuso, teachers Kerry White and Jason Camillo to be rescheduled.
- ML had tour with Mr. Fanelli from City Carting of Middlesex Grounds with an eye toward ensuring sufficient 64 gallon dark-blue recycling totes can be placed in all appropriate locations on the grounds.
 - Bins would be purchased by BOE on a cost-pass-through basis from City Carting.
 - Funds should be available through their Maintenance and Cleaning line item.
- RCAC will have to supply decals for all totes for BOE
- Suggestion made that once labels are placed on both recycling totes and trash bins that 'spray paint borders' should be utilized. Michael will discuss with his painter Sandy.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE- GREEN TEAM

- rolling recycle tote with 'Darien Green Team' was a big hit; raised public awareness & warmly received
- next year think of having three or more totes in parade
- can also be wheeled through assembly area as there are no receptacles due to security measures

No other business being brought forth, a motion made to adjourn; seconded and approved unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Room 206, Wednesday 09 July at 12:00 Noon.

Submitted by Terry Gaffney