



**CITY OF ANOKA
WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES – June 8, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Committee Room of Anoka City Hall.

ROLL CALL Board members present: Chairperson Vicki Violet, Members Marijo Hain and Tim Aberwald. Absent: Vice Chairperson Thurston and Member Call. Staff present: Pam Bowman, Recycling Coordinator and Deanna Kelly, Recycling Intern. Others present: None.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 11, 2016 MEETING MINUTES: A MOTION to approve the May 11, 2016 meeting minutes was made by Member Hain and SECOND by Member Aberwald. All in favor, MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Intern Introduction & Projects Update. Ms. Bowman introduced Deanna Kelly, the new recycling intern. She stated that Deanna will be working throughout the summer and into the fall, dependent on her availability and grant funds. Ms. Kelly shared information about her related background with classes she has and is taking and her experience in advertising which will help with overall marketing and promotion. Members welcome Ms. Kelly noting they were pleased to meet her and excited to have her on board.

Ms. Kelly then reviewed the projects she had already begun. Those included the following:

- Ice cream social – securing an organics dumpster and arranging for 10 compostable containers from Anoka County.
- Has visited 10 apartments – taking photos and notes and talking to residents.
- Reached out to TechDump to set up dates for two special electronics recycling events, one in July and one in August.
- Reached out to Walker Plaza to set up time to meet with property caretaker and discuss recycling program needs.

Ms. Kelly suggested she would like to increase the social media efforts and will be preparing messages for Ms. Bowman to use and post as time allows.

Ms. Kelly also suggested she would like to determine how to praise apartment buildings that are recycling. Chairperson Violet said it would be nice to list in the RAW newsletter those that are recycling well. Members determine more brainstorming is needed to determine other ways in which to praise these efforts.

Hearing about the organics collection at the ice cream social, Member Hain reminded members that Anoka County is offering an organics drop off program. She said she joined and really likes it so far. She would like to know how long the programs will be in place and if she will receive unlimited bags from Anoka County. Ms. Bowman said she would contact Anoka County for the answers.

Fix It Clinic Update. Ms. Bowman said Vice Chairperson Thurston was unable to attend this meeting, but would provide an update at the July meeting. Ms. Bowman reminded the members that we are hoping to coordinate a fix it clinic for a date in October.

Park Benches Update. Ms. Bowman said two park benches made from recycled materials had been ordered. She expected delivery within 3-4 weeks. She said she will order plaques for the benches from a local business, Sterling Trophy.

Pick A Park Update – Ms. Bowman noted the completed application in the meeting packet. She reminded the members to mark their calendars for August 10, as they would be cleaning up both John Ward Park and Grey Ghost Fields (not Sorenson Park as noted in the packet). She said this would be in place of the monthly meeting unless it is determined at the July meeting if there is a need to meet in August. She said all of the details will be reviewed and finalized at the July meeting.

Recycling Winner Update. Ms. Bowman thanked Member Hain for gathering address for the monthly winner selection. The winner was the homeowner at 551 Van Buren St. A letter was mailed to the owner and the utility department was notified so they can apply the credit. Member Aberwald acknowledged he will select addresses on June 15 for the next winner.

Spring Recycling Event Tonnage. Ms. Bowman noted that a total of 29.741 tons of recyclable materials was taken in at the spring event. She said that is slightly lower than the spring of 2015 which totaled 31.226 tons. She noted that over 6 tons of paper and cardboard was collected, which is high. Also, scrap metal tonnage increased from 2015. She noted that electronics was a bit down. Otherwise, most of the tonnage information was similar to 2015.

Anoka County Recycling Recognition Ceremony. Ms. Bowman said the WRRB/City of Anoka received an award at the ceremony acknowledging the city's commitment to recycling. She congratulated and thanked the members for their hard work in 2015.

Ms. Bowman shared that Culver's of Anoka also received an award for their organics efforts at the Anoka location. Plus, a local group was recognized making plastic bags (crochet-type) into sleeping pads for the homeless.

COMMUNICATIONS

Monthly Service Log & Tonnage Reports. Members reviewed the information. No comments.

News You Can Use – CCB Meeting Notes. Included in the packet were the notes from the April CCB meeting. It was noted that Chairperson Violet reviewed these notes at the previous meeting, but Ms. Bowman provided the finalized notes for information. Chairperson Violet gave a brief update about the June 1st CCB meeting. Ms. Bowman said the City Clerk would be preparing those meeting notes and they would be included in an upcoming meeting packet when available.

2016 Meeting Schedule. Members reviewed the meeting schedule.

MISCELLANEOUS

Determine July 13, 2016 Meeting Agenda. Members reviewed the draft agenda. It was suggested that fall recycling be added to the agenda and the Anoka Halloween parade discussion.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. on a MOTION by Member Hain and SECONDED by Member Aberwald. All in favor; MOTION CARRIED.