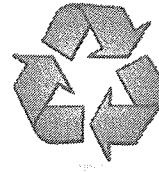


**Environmental Advisory Committee
Minutes**
January 19, 2010 – 3:15 p.m.
McCall Public Library – Idaho Room
216 East Park Street, McCall, ID 83638



COMMITTEE MEETING – Begins at 3:15 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Jenni Blake, Claire Remsberg, Cindy Miller, John Riyh, Kathy O'Neill, Lindsey Truxel were present.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The November 17, 2009 minutes were approved.
The December 15, 2009 minutes were approved.

3. DEAN MARTINS- FOREST SERVICE

Dean explained he has an interest in composting. He is soil scientist. He heard about the potential burning ordinance for the City of McCall. He explained the benefits of composting to reduce burning and producing material that can be used for golf courses, parks, etc. This could save the City money. Dean said EAC could champion the effort with City Council and other agencies. What is needed:

1. Land- potential use for future Riverfront park
2. Equipment
3. Personnel

The scale can be from yard waste to large scale. Need to start with the idea and see if has an acceptance level. Landscapers and tree businesses have a lot of material- some of this gets burned or ends up in landfills. Acker Tree removal does some chipping. There was discussion on biomass and Dean said the Biomass is subsidized by the Forest Service. There are other materials like clean construction waste. Seattle has a curbside composting program. If the EAC start small with yard waste- needles, leaves, small branches, etc. The program may not be a break even but the benefits are hard to quantify- landfill space, clean air, fertilizers, etc.

Look at the resources on the web and visit some community composting sites. IF a passive site, need land and equipment like Public Works. There was discussion about composting activity in the winter when activity is very low. Most systems are low tech-either put pipes through the piles or vermiculture (finish the compost material to soil.) Cindy asked about cost and time intensive? Start small and get people used to dropping of waste debris. The landscaping and tree people will be a source because it will be cheaper than hauling it to the dump.

There is a new company, Green Goose Recycling, has started curbside recycling in Spring Mountain Ranch and commercial businesses. The bin is \$25 and commercial cost is \$50 per month and it is co-mingled recyclable.

John emailed out some ideas- get Dennis Coyle involved because it would create organic material for the future Riverfront park. This would allow the City to get started on smaller projects rather than waiting for the \$3 million project. The golf course also be a producer

and benefactor. This group could work with Parks and Golf Advisory Committee. EAC members could attend their meetings and get support.

Is water needed? Some water is required. Potential source is well, river or water truck. Does it require environmental assessment or permits? Look into any City code issues. Create a free composting day where people pick up yard debris at home or collection points to raise awareness.

Staff will check on meeting schedule and email to committee. John will attend the Parks and Recreation Advisory meeting tomorrow if he can get on the agenda. Staff will look into this.

1. Need 3 committees on board.
2. Create a task force to put together a presentation for Council.
3. Visit other sites and attend workshops.

4. TRANSIT TOUR- JANUARY 22, 2010 at 2 pm

EAC members interested in the transit tour should show up at City Hall on Friday.

5. OTHER

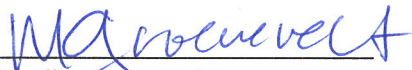
Claire will email out the Idaho Energy Efficiency Packet to the EAC for comments.

Post education materials on all kinds of topics.

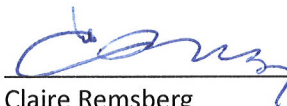
6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Attest:



Michelle Groenevelt
Community Development Director



Claire Remsberg
EAC Chair