



**Environmental Advisory Committee
Minutes**
November 15, 2011–6 p.m.
McCall Library
218 East Park Street, McCall, ID 83638



COMMITTEE MEETING – Began at 6 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

EAC members Claire Remsberg, Cindy Miller, Fred Coriell, John Rygh, Morgan Zedalis and Lindsey Truxel were present. Also present were guests Valley County Commission Chair Gordon Cruickshank, Ben Busack, Jyoti Jennewein, Andrew Lashen, Zachary Allen and Gary Calkins.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The minutes for September 20, 2011 and October 18, 2011 were unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION WITH VALLEY COUNTY

Valley County Board of Commissioners Chair Gordon Cruickshank provided an update regarding Lakeshore Disposal and the county recycling program. Recycling program challenges presented include ongoing needed financial subsidy, funding for equipment and permanent recycling facility in McCall (preliminary facility plan and location have been identified), lack of market demand for recycled glass, and contamination of recycled materials. Community education is needed regarding what materials can be recycled and appropriate material sorting (i.e. tin can lids cause a problem if loose but can be included if left attached to cans or inside crushed cans, need to break down boxes). The County Transfer Site is used on Sundays by Lakeshore Disposal to sort and load aluminum for transport. While curb side recycling does not seem feasible at this time due to winter weather challenges and small customer base, Lakeshore Disposal will pick up cardboard from businesses, if requested (a small fee is charged). Lakeshore Disposal is under contract through 2013, at which time the County will seek new bids, but has not yet determined if the bids will be for comprehensive disposal services including long-haul transport, pick-up and recycling, or for each service independently. Valley County has also been talking with Adams County regarding the proposed co-generation plant in Adams County and the possibility of the plant burning solid waste as well as biomass.

HIGHLIGHTING EAC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Attendees brainstormed a list of their top recent accomplishments. These included; the weevil – knapweed abatement project, City Golf Course environmental efforts, anti-idling policy and education, energy retrofits of City buildings, medication disposal, and community education via water bills.

PROJECT PRIORITIES FOR 2012

Attendees brainstormed a list of possible projects for 2012. These included: educational outreach efforts regarding fire-wise landscaping, non-toxic cleaning supplies, recycling, and waste reduction; web site development; benchmarks for sustainable procurement; and messaging via water bills.

OTHER

Gary Calkins of McCall's Greener Cleaner provided information about health hazards of modern cleaning products and product alternatives that are healthier and better for the

environment. Gary agreed to provide one page of information about alternative cleaning products for use in EAC community education efforts.

Ben Busack, Jyoti Jennewein, Andrew Lashen, and Zachary Allen introduced their landscape stewardship business, American Conservation Solutions, and agreed to draft policy for review regarding benchmarks for sustainable procurement practices by public agencies.

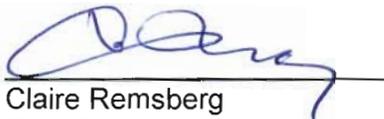
The next meeting was set for Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

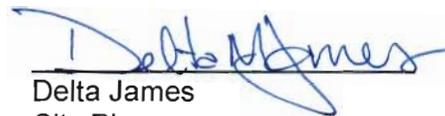
The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Date: December 14, 2011

Attest:



Claire Remsberg
EAC Chair



Delta James
City Planner