



**Environmental Advisory Committee
Minutes**
February 21, 2012–6 p.m.
McCall Library
218 East Park Street, McCall, ID 83638



COMMITTEE MEETING – Began at 6 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

EAC members Claire Remsberg, Cindy Miller and Zachary Allen were present. Morgan Zedalis participated via conference call. Also present was guest Jon Owsley. Delta James, City Planner, was also present.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of January 11, 2012, were unanimously approved.

3. E-WASTE RECYCLING - GUEST PRESENTATION

Jon Owsley of Clear River Recycling presented information regarding his E-waste recycling business. Mr. Owsley currently has collection points in Boise and Meridian where people drop off their used electronic equipment (computers, cell phones, etc.) for recycling. Mr. Owsley then takes this equipment, removes the components that contain precious metals, and then sells those components to another business for mineral extraction. EAC members questioned where the end mineral extraction occurred, citing concern that much of such extraction occurs in foreign countries by employees within unsafe working conditions. Mr. Owsley did not know what happens to the components once he sells them to another Idaho-based company. Mr. Owsley would like to establish a collection point in McCall and asked that the EAC provide him with ideas on where to place such a collection point and persons to contact as possible partners in his effort. EAC members suggested that Mr. Owsley contact Lakeshore Disposal for possible location of a collection point at the existing recycling center. Other suggestions included working with Radio Shack and other electronic sales/service businesses in town, providing a bin during the City's annual Clean Up Day, and approaching the high school environmental studies class.

4. COUNTY RECYCLING SERVICES UPDATE

EAC members discussed the January 20, 2012 letter drafted by Claire and submitted to City Council requesting that Council strongly encourage the County to work with Lakeshore Disposal to keep recycling services at their current level, and discussed the recent articles in *The Star News* that indicate that the County and Lakeshore are still negotiating the recycling contract and services levels.

5. SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT POLICY DISCUSSION

EAC members reviewed a draft one-page memo to Council that is intended to introduce the concept and benefits of an Environmentally Preferred Purchasing (EPP) Policy. Cindy will make suggested edits then bring to next meeting for final review. Staff presented summaries of 2011 City purchasing of copy paper and cleaning supplies for use as "case studies" to determine environmental and fiscal impact of environmentally preferable purchasing for City's consideration. Zach will investigate copy paper and Morgan will look into a cleaning product or two. City staff will begin drafting EPP policy for EAC review.

6. OTHER

EAC members discussed 2012 committee priorities and agreed that recommending an Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy for Council consideration is the top priority, but also wanted to keep efforts to educate the community about recycling on the agenda. Staff will add this to the next meeting agenda.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

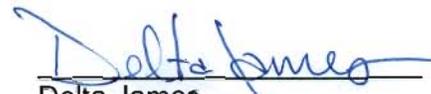
The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Date: April 17, 2012

Attest:



Claire Remsberg
EAC Chair



Delta James
City Planner