

# **DRAFT: Eldorado/285Recycles Meeting Minutes**

## **March 13, 2018**

**In attendance:** S. Daniel, J. Durlak, J. Eigner, R. Esco, S. Garfitt, D. Gutierrez, S. Knarr, S. Levy, A. Rodney, A. Scott, M. Spears-Cihon, K. Sweeney, L. Ward. **Guests:** J. Bias, S. Palermo

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:02PM and minutes from Feb meeting were approved.

2. **Chair's report.** Our two guests were welcomed, Jane Bias and Shannon Palermo from the Railyard Park Conservancy and asked to introduce themselves. Jane, who indicated she will try to make as many of our meetings as possible was offered a chance to ask for time on our Agenda by contacting one of the Sues about a week before each meeting whenever she has special items to report

3. **Treasurer's report** – given by Joe D in Sheila's absence:

Opening Balance:	\$2023.92	
Deposits (1)	103.50	
Payments: (2)	417.85	Chris H. - Straw bale reimbursement.
	24.90	Joe D. - Program expense (Road Cleanup)
Service Charge	6.00	
Ending Balance	\$1678.67	

4. **Secretary's report.** Website visits and hits for February were 1,000 and 4938, below our usual numbers, but the January data had been increased to 2066 and 16,228 which are above our usual monthly averages of 2017 and 14,810. There might be a delay during which the website updates our data.

5. **New Projects/Ideas Follow Up.** We were pleased with our attendance of around 35 people at last month's event at the local library, suggesting future well-planned and advertised events can also attract interested parties.

Straw ban campaign – Allayne and committee briefly summarized past work in our upcoming campaign to get restaurant owners and their patrons to use fewer straws whenever possible. Ideas for buttons and ways to do this were discussed and this committee's work will continue. Shannon noted she previously worked at a restaurant which was very ecologically conscious, and the existence of a college senior whose project was trying to outlaw straws in Santa Fe was brought up. Contacts with these sources might be helpful.

6. **Current Events Follow Up.** ReUse area at Convenience Center is working out, but lately residents have been putting items that should go to the reuse area into the collection point at La Tienda, putting them amidst the electronic materials. Signs/notices are needed to direct residents to the correct place to put what.

7. **Zero Waste.** Karen noted the need for coordinators for our upcoming events, the VGPL ice cream social in Aug. and the Fire Dept BBQ in Sept. Sue G expressed interest and will talk to Karen about this.

8. **Upcoming Events.** The Community Garden kick off has been rescheduled for March 31 at VGPL from 10 to about 11:30 AM. The need to have a table and Marci and Sue G indicated they would attend.

Flea market – We agreed that we should have a booth at another flea market on the June 16<sup>th</sup> date, if markets are still being held each 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month.

#### **9. Collections.**

Shoes, hats, holiday lights - Sue D reported she received a total of 184 hats/gloves/scarfs this year, far above previous years' totals.

Pens-Joe E said pen collection is going very well and he will clean out the current collection.  
#5's ,corks- going fine

Tom's, skin care - Shirley indicated her frustration about the many irrelevant items being put into these collections, and offered ideas of how to inform residents of what we want and what we clearly don't want. She will pass out her text to members via email and ask for feedback on how best to present the information.

Compost- Marcia reported that the 143<sup>rd</sup> compost pile was installed last month.

**10. Vistas:** DiAna indicated that the next Vista item will be on plastics.

**11. Government Affairs** Joe E passed out data on waste and recycling numbers from the convenience centers (CCs) and from the reports of private waste haulers who are required to collect and report such information. The Eldorado CC continues to be the one handling the largest overall amount of materials, but based on yearly 2016 and 2017 figures, there doesn't appear to be any increase in the percentage of materials that are being recycled. Data from the larger private haulers comparing 2017 and 2015 figures does reflect some increase in the percentage of recyclable materials they handled over time.

**12. New Business** ECIA water bottles – Stephanie suggested that we purchase water bottles with our logo on it and distribute to each member of our ECIA Board of Directors because she noticed that at the last meeting, each was given a plastic water bottle whether they drank it or not. Discussion focused on how best to approach and convince ECIA Board members of the importance of waste reduction and recycling. The Sues will continue contact with HOAMCO staff on recycling options and practices they should institute. Stephanie responded to a blog to advertise some of our achievements, and as a result made a contact with a radio host who might be interested in interviewing one or two of us on his show. We should follow up on this.

Webinar – Reactions from a recent webinar on recycling and the previous discussion of how to approach the ECIA board, led to a discussion about how to change people's behaviors. Sue D mentioned that the New Mexican daily paper does run occasional stories related to reuse/recycling, and that one of the editors, Inez Gomez, might be responsive to us and our concerns. Perhaps invite her to our meeting?

**13. Adjournment** Meeting was adjourned at 6:06 PM.

Next meeting is April 10

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Durlak