

## **Eldorado/285Recycles Minutes Oct. 10, 2017**

**PRESENT:** S. Daniel, J. Durlak, J. Eigner, J. Fox, S. Garfitt, C. Harrell, L. Harrell, S. Knarr, E. Maclaren, A. Scott, S. Shanklin, M. Spears-Cihon, S. Sullivan, L. Ward, T. Ward.

1. **Approval of minutes** of Sept. 12, 2017 mtg. Sues
2. Minutes were approved unanimously.

\* timekeeper – Sue G

**2. Chair’s report**-Sues -

\* Elections in January..-if anyone is interested in any of the positions, please step up. the secretary position is open. Sandwich board signs were laminated to great effect.

**3. Treasurer’s report** – Sheila

September Financials

Opening Balance	\$2337.93	
Deposits (1)	207.00	Straw bale reimbursement
Checks (2)		
Karen S.	71.55	Program Expense
Reunity	100.00	Composting Service
Total Checks	\$ 176.55	
Service Charge	5.00	

Ending Balance \$2368.38

**4. Secretary’s report** – Libby – 1887 - website visits  
13791- hits.

**5. New Projects/Ideas Follow Up** –Libby

1. How to improve recycling rate.
2. Lobbying Efforts-Karen, Joe E, Sue G. Joe E made a call to Dave Yankee, consultant 2014 Solid Waste Study, however was not able to provide enough information. Sue Garfitt will call Anna Hamilton and Marcia will call Ed Moreno schedule a date to speaking to address the question of “What are the county plans with regard to recycling.”
3. Zero Waste Events. Allayne Marcia & Joe D. are working on an analysis of what the group has done- and a How To Booklet.
4. Website. There will be a separate page for Zero Waste. Andrew needs the info in order to create the page..
5. ECIA Sue G to speak with Fred R. He will talk to facility and grounds at their next meeting. A number of issues are : i.Education of the groundsmen. ii. Board policy with regard to Recycling and Zero Waste.iii. a lock for the dumpster.
6. Attracting new members.Evening Mtgs. Who will contact the library or senior Center. Larry Recycle Presentation. Sue D manager of Goodwill. Sue emailed two gyms (El Gancho &NM Gym) about a shoe collection, however there appears to be a lack of interest. Shirley will look into a contact for Max Coll Room at the Senior Center. Marcia will contact the library.
7. Dental Collection. Joe D to call Lisa Randall. The May Center for Learning could be a pilot scheme. Shirley proposes that we offer to set it up. Shirley and Taylor offered to speak to Deidre Logue our contact at the May Center for Learning. is important

**6. Current Events Follow Up.**

\* EFD BBQ – Karen’s notes: Stats. 18 lb , of recyclables, 7 gals of trash, 304 gallons of compostables. No stats on how many fire extinguishers were brought in. Plastic straws were given out. Shelia brought up issue of plastic bags discarded from ice and other items, was taken to Agora for recycling. Sheila also thought a follow up visit with Vince.

\* ReUse – Joe E. et.al. More volunteers are needed.

We ran out of straw bales, however we now have 50 bales at a discount (because they had water damage.)  
First Compost tour Highlight was the business in Nambe (Possible speaker for one of the proposed evening meetings.)

Payne's soil yard has experienced herbicide contamination. from horse manure which led to concerns about our straw bale source and whether they could be contaminated with herbicides. Our supplier had theirs tested and were not contaminated.

#### **7. Upcoming Events.**

\* Road Clean-up – Joe D. October 14. Meet at the Agora at 9.30. Six volunteers.

#### **8. Collections**

\* shoes-Sue D. More shoes with opening of new gym, *Socktober*-Shirley will put out a container at the Senior Center.

\* pens-Joe E. They keep coming.

\*#5's ,corks-. Sue for Karen. Plenty of corks. An Eldorado artist is going to use them in his work.

\* Tom's, skin care-Shirley. Plenty of donations including used bottles of shampoo. Sue will take to St. Elizabeth's.

\* Compost-Chris H. #136 & # 137 installed.

**9. Vistas-DiAna.** Santa Fe County Solid Waste had a good tip. There was discussion about how to recycle small pieces of paper. Sue G will call Neal Denton for clarification.

#### **10. Government Affairs – Joe E.**

Solid Waste Management agency-Larry and Joe E attended their meeting.. China no longer wants any USA junk and is shutting down the importation of mixed plastic bales and paper bales. Freedman is affected and wants to change their contract. Pakistan and India might be possible receivers. Joe E suggested that hiring more people for the hand picking and slowing down the line would lead to cleaner recyclables.

Enforcement of recycling-. It all comes down to cost. Without an enforcement officer not a lot can be done, wages are low which equals more turnover. It was suggested that our group speak to the commissioners about another source of money. Enforcement officer job description is for solid waste only- The one enforcement officer, Martinez, spends the greater part of his time north of here looking for illegal dumping.

#### **12. New Business-anyone.**

\* new school option for Tom's benefits - Shirley, Libby  
May Center for learning-The Learning Difference School.

\* Zero Waste proposal – Allayne found good information on the Harvard University web site. She found that Monitors needed to monitor the composting, signage needed with examples. We need a committee/ contact group to run a Zero Waste Event. Tejender will clarify what can be used. All ideas are welcome to Allayne/ Sue D, Sue G, Karen and Libby.

\* Stephanie proposal. Studio Arts and Crafts Association has an annual party which Stephanie would like to make a Zero Waste Event. Plastic bags for event can be sold to any groups that wants to buy them for their event. Sue D researched the cost of the bags- compostable bags \$72/80, recyclable bags 100/ \$33, \$59 for 200. The purchase of bags was approved.

The bicycle-Chris-what to do with it.? Libby suggested that the children recently evacuated from St. Croix might be good recipients. Chris will call the host family.

#### **13. Adjournment- 6.03.**

\* next meeting Nov. 14