

Eldorado/285Recycles Minutes
Nov. 14, 2017

PRESENT

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4-4:30 Special Guest speaker Hans Bakker from Sierra Club – introduction by Joe E.

Special Presentation. Hans Bakker, From Waste to Resources. former member of the dept of economics in the Netherlands, a densely populated country. Water and waste problems in the 80's led to an integral approach with active engagement and collaboration of govt, producers and consumers.

Ultimate Goal: Raw material to waste and back to raw material.

80% trash recycled, sustainable products, separation of waste

Waste Disposal Hierarchy

Prevention

Product Reuse

Waste recovery

Incineration

Landfill.

The Result.

70% of all waste is recycled

Household 70% paper and glass

Organic material 50%

Textile 30%

batteries and cars 90%

Waste streams that can be recovered or separated

2010- 2.3% waste to land fills

35 waste types have been banned from land fills since 1998

Producers responsibility to reduce waste in production , products and packaging

Voluntary covenants “Green Deals” Stakeholders collaboration. 2015: 185 Green deals with 1225 participants. e.g railways, schools, restaurants, hospitals etc.

New Ambition. Not a law rather an agreement. Shared by trade unions, companies.

2050-circular economy.. Trains run on wind power.

2030 50% reductions of raw materials (minerals, fossils, metals).

What Consumers Do

public support needed-political and individual

Favorable conditions

waste recycling units in neighborhoods and at shopping malls.

National ban on free plastic bags-food as an exception

Sticker on mailbox No/YES or NO/NO

saves 34 kg per household a year

1. **Approval of minutes** of Oct. 10, 2017 mtg . . .

* timekeeper – Sue G. Introduction of Marilyn Farrell.

2. **Chair's report**-Sues .

* officer nominations?

Joe Durlak will take over as secretary with Karen Sweeney as back up when Joe is traveling.

The Chairs and treasurer will remain the same.

3. **Treasurer's report** – Sheila

Beginning Balance	\$2368.38
Deposits (2)	
Straw bale reimb.	\$ 42.50
Straw bale reimb.	\$ 144.00 (incl. \$40 donation)
Checks (1)	
Joe E. Straw bale	\$ 330.00
Service charge	\$ 5.00
Ending Balance	\$2219.88

4. **Secretary's report** – Libby - website visits: 2148

hits: 17, 204

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

Neal Denton is a possibility for February meeting. Possible topic “Role of the new county sustainability office” or “Managing your waste.” Joe E will contact Neal about time frame. Marcia spoke with Tracy and Julia at the library-2nd Tuesdays are open, . 40 people capacity No charge. If we want it the space is available every three months.

Dental Collection. Shirley will connect with Deidre at The May School.

New membership to be continued at a later date.

6. **Current Events Follow Up.**

* ReUse – Joe E. and committee. More volunteers needed.

* Road Cleanup – Joe D. Joe was not in attendance to report.

7. **Upcoming Events.**

* Holiday Party. Volunteers: L. Maclaren, December 10. Sue G will check on room availability

Zero Waste Event for the EACA. Successful with serious effort from Stephanie.

BBQ follow up. Vince and his crew are on board with Zero Waste . Over 900 people attended the event. Only one 5 gallon bucket of trash. Eldorado 285/Recycles paid \$100 for Reunity pick-up of compostable materials. The firehouse is currently working on recycling and composting. Volunteers needed for our Match and Toss game on Saturday at the Recycle Art Festival. Larry volunteered.

8. Collections.

* shoes- shoes starting to come in. Sock-tober- 271 pairs this year. Sue D

* pens-Joe E.

*#5's - slow; corks: Eldorado artist wants the corks and will take them away.

* Tom's, skin care-Shirley. Collection steady and sent out once a month by Shirley-\$150 in the account.

* Compost-Marcia. Suzie arranged for #139. #86 bin is an issue. Bins and bales not yet paid for to the tune of \$100.

* Hats, scarves, gloves- starting to come in. Holiday lights collections – Box will be put out on Saturday. Sue D. La Familia-want to highlight Sue D.

9. Vistas-DiAna.

Courtney Handy is the new editor of VISTAS. “5 tips for your kitchen” which DiAna put together quickly for the next edition.

New topics for VISTAS 1. the stats from the BBQ. 2. Private parties.

10. Government Affairs – Joe E

1. Glass-SWMA. Approved a trial for handling glass. Our glass is going to be recycled and will be sent to Rocky Mountain Bottling plant.

2. City working with RUBICON technology to track recycling

3. Nextdoor posting about “dump passes” which Joe E promptly replied to.

4. Meeting with Claudia and Neal was positive. They are creating a bi-monthly newsletter and working on outreach efforts.

City is trying to find a replacement for Adam. Currently there are three outreach positions available.

16% recycling rate. Eldorado285/Recycles presented an outline of a plan for a new enforcement officer and an outreach program.

5. Recycling market. China has slightly weakened their contamination requirements-to 1% which is probably impossible.

6. Bag ban has generated money for education. City gets 9 cents of the 10 cent bag cost. Randall Kippenbock has taken over the radio program “Talking Trash”

12. New Business.

Sue D and Sue G met with facilities and grounds people to discuss recycling at the ECIA.

13. Adjournment at 6.03.

* next meeting Dec. 12