

Minutes  
Recycling/Solid Waste Committee  
November 17, 2009

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 4:37 p.m. Members present were: Patti Martinson, Aaron Costello, Sam Kooiker, and Blaise Emerson. Staff members present were: Robert Ellis, Jerry Wright, and Brenda Vespested. Others present: Mike Coleman and Jody Page from HDR Inc.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Emerson moved, second by Kooiker to approve the minutes, with spelling corrections, of March 16, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Update on Solid Waste Master Plan – Mike Coleman from HDR Inc. gave an update on the Solid Waste Management Plan. Coleman said that a needs assessment study was done initially and a baseline was established. Mandatory offering of recycling for outside haulers was discussed at length, waste to energy was discussed, and a citizen campus was discussed. Coleman said that the DENR is satisfied with our solid waste facility. Good neighbor programs, zoning of the property, alley collections, electronic waste, and household hazardous wastes were discussed briefly. High winds and shutting down the landfill was discussed with Wright indicating that this will always continue to happen. There is an open house scheduled for November 18, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Civic Center to allow people to view the Solid Waste Master Plan recommendations and allow for public comment.

Re-Use Center Update – Ellis said that he and Wright met with Black Hill Area Habitat for Humanity to finalize details of this agreement. Ellis said that there would be about a \$40,000.00 cost to the City for a 6 month trial period. This cost included building rental, utilities, insurance, 1.5 FTE and other expenses. It was discussed that resell of the recycled materials could generate several thousands in revenue and that the City should seek to be compensated for their \$40,000 expenditure. Ellis said that Joel Landeen is working on the agreement.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Green Cities Task Force – Martinson wanted to inform the Committee that the Green Cities Task Force will be meeting on Friday, November 20, 2009, at 8:00 a.m. in the First Floor Community Room.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, Costello moved, second by Emerson to adjourn the November 17, 2009, Recycling/Solid Waste Committee meeting at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.