

**SOLID WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
October 17, 2016
(DC Himes)**

Committee Attendance: Paul Margolin, Joy Muller, Duane Himes and Bob Kerry (DPW liaison).

Others: Mike Byerly (BL), Jennifer Plakyda (LHS student)

Meeting started at 7:00 PM

Agenda

Housekeeping & Misc (15)

Acceptance of minutes	All
Going Green Columns	Paul / Duane
Battery disposal by type	
Other news	
Welcome signs	Paul / Duane
New Recycling Program	Bob

Main topics: (75)

Beautify Londonderry	Committee
Small Business Outreach	Committee
Fluorescent Recycling	
Old Home Day	Committee

Next Month:

NRRA Meeting	Bob
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LATEST ACTION LIST:

Bob:

- Contact IT to arrange for the remaining one new Solid Waste video to be available ON DEMAND on the DPW homepage (Tom Hodge)
- Print CFL remaining outreach materials
- Fluorescent light volume at Drop Off Center and Bensons.

Duane:

- Find a flyer on safe “flushables” to be put on the Env’l Svcs homepage
- Look into a column on Solid Waste / Recycling trends of the future

Paul:

- Find a new landscaper for Exit 4 Welcome sign.
- Order two replacement sponsor signs for the Flea Market location.
- Column submittal on the light bulb comparison needs to be re-written.

All:

- Small business outreach before the Drop Off Center closes in November

Housekeeping & Misc.

Acceptance of Minutes:

The minutes from the August meeting were approved

- Paul discussed comments that were received at the SWEC booth during Old Home Days. Most of the comments dealt with the size of the big blue bins and the frequency of the pickup. Bob discussed the options residents currently have, which include: The resident can purchase a second 95 gallon container from the Town for a one-time fee of \$47.75. The Town will deliver the container to the residence. If the residence has 6 or more occupants, the \$47.75 fee is waived. Another option the resident has is to bring additional recyclables to the Drop Off Center if they cannot fit everything into their container. The recyclables can be placed into the cardboard containers at the Drop Off Center. This would only work during the months the Drop Off Center is open. Bob pointed out that recycling receptacles placed in unsupervised locations are generally found to be contaminated with non-appropriate material, which defeats the recycling effort. Bob said that the DPW will continue to monitor this matter.
- Paul gave Duane the new sponsor signs for the exit 4 Welcome sign. The sponsor signs will be installed on the Welcome sign post.

Main Topics

Mike Byerly from Beautify Londonderry (BL) handed out a statistic sheet on BL. Mike went through the results of how BL went during 2016. There was \$1,726 in donations. There were also some donations of bottled water, blue recycle bags, flowers, organics, mulch and other items. There were 27 groups of volunteers and 212 volunteers, which is close to the average amount seen in the past. Mike said he felt it was a good effort considering that it almost did not happen this year.

Mike said that BL group was looking into some new ideas for 2017. Some of these ideas include:

- Tying BL in with Earth Day
- Reducing the activity weekends from 5 days to 3
- Using some of the money to give back to non-profit groups that participate in BL
- Look at leveraging LHS for performing some of the work projects
- Jennifer said that she thought getting the students involved was a great idea
- Jennifer stated that we should get church groups involved
- Putting up signs that say this road is cleaned up by such and such a business
- Invest in mechanical grippers to help pick up trash
- Buying trash bags for cars that residents can put their trash into while in their vehicles

Mike stated that they are looking for more ideas and projects for next year.

Paul emphasized that the core of the program embodied two things: Beautifying outdoor public spaces, and organizing volunteers to make it happen. He also listed the following challenges for the Beautify Londonderry program going forward:

1. How to generate more participation (possibly with token giveaways as incentive, like we originally would do).
2. How to identify more ideas for projects ahead of time (that might enable us to attract more volunteers).
3. How to strengthen the BL committee membership.
4. Whether to leverage the police force.
5. The need to fully integrate legacy Beautify Londonderry goals with the members who are only interested in trash pickup, so that our brand is not diminished and we're all working cooperatively.
6. How to partner with other committees in town in joint efforts that improve Londonderry's outdoor environment.

Paul asked Bob if the Town took care of the fluorescent bulbs in Town Hall. He said that they did. Bob will look into how the bulbs are handled in the schools.

The committee discussed how the outreach program on the fluorescent bulb education for small businesses was going. Paul has completed his routes and Duane is about half done with his. Others will do their outreach in the spring.

Paul and Joy discussed Going Green columns and trying to do more columns more frequently.

The meeting ended at 8:40.