

Attachment – Highlights from January 15, 2017 E-mail

DURING THE MEETING: Nancy reported on the recent opportunities to get a little publicity for the Recycle Committee, walking in Christmas Parade with students from Fairhope Intermediate School Green Club with our new banner announcing the upcoming Recycle Rascal Design Contest. The banner was also used at a booth during the City's New Year's Eve Events downtown Fairhope.

Remaining flyers were distributed for Committee members to distribute to any homeschool students they may know as well as Anna to take some to Bayside, Synthia to publicize at Public Library, Jeanine to post at Museum, and Nancy to take to ESC School.

Nancy reported on recent activities to support & publicize the Recycle Rascal Design Contest and reminded members of upcoming events where Recycle Committee members and student supporters may participate to further promote recycling within community:

- Children of the World's Chinese New Year Parade, February 1
- First Friday Art Walks, February 7 & March 7, Downtown & Art Center
- Arbor Day, Faulkner State, Fairhope Campus, February 15
- KOER Parade, February 22
- Order of Mystic Mutts Parade, February 23
- MOJ Parade February 28
- OOMM Parade March 4
- Arts & Crafts, March 14, 15, & 16
- Earth Day, April 19, Municipal Pier Park

Discussion centered around where Newly painted/designed Recycle Containers could be placed to promote recycling at all of those events as well as plans to invite FIS Green Club students and other interested local children to help with various aspects of those events.

We discussed the quantity of surplus bikes in the city's possession and taking up space in the city storage areas and ways to utilize some to help the Recycle Committee gain more exposure in public events.

Additionally, Nancy will be contacting Pro-Cycle to see if they would be interested in Partnering with us to check out the bikes in advance to ready them for prize give-aways. We will also try to get the bikes painted our Fairhope Recycle Green as part of the dress-up of the prizes.

We discussed at length the possibility of helping to establish a City Citizens Bike Fleet and ways in which that is very effective in other cities. It was suggested that Nancy communicate with Molly Peterson of Pedestrian/Bike Trail Organization, Valerie Delaney with Trail Blazers group, as well as Chamber of Commerce to see about local support and possible partnership.

The committee examined a recycle bag from GSMNP made from recycled plastic and discussed at length the possibility of using the large supply of city photos Sherry Sullivan may have to design a bag about Fairhope with multiple pictures of sunsets, pier, clock, parades, flowers, etc.

as well as City logo to go on sides of bags and Recycle Info on one fold along with City Information on other side. It was determined that a sub-committee research this and prepare request to City Council for permission to pursue production of same. The bags would be available for sale at Welcome Center, Nix Center, Chamber of Commerce, various businesses, & possibly used in New Comers Kits to contain Recycle Brochures, New Resident Information, etc. Mark Stejskal was elected to chair that Sub-committee, and Synthia, Jeanine, & Bart agreed to help him on said committee.

Jennifer Fidler reported that the audit of City Buildings & Departments had been completed, and Dale would need to report on that, but he has been delayed unexpectedly so this will be reviewed at next meeting as well.

Anna Miller reported that she would like to see a Sub-committee appointed at the next meeting when Dale available to look at financial numbers of overall Recycle Program to determine what areas need to be further developed or redesigned.

We also discussed urgency & importance of finding workable design for both public & residential recycle receptacles and determined that a Sub-committee be appointed at next meeting to get some decisions made ASAP, & meanwhile will utilize the newly painted receptacles at public events til a Fairhope Specific receptacle can be designed.

NOW..... EVERYONE WHO WAS THERE, PLEASE REVIEW AND PUT YOUR 2-BITS IN TO MAKE SURE WE COVERED EVERYTHING. GARY WILL WRITE THE OFFICIAL MINUTES, BUT I LOOK FOR FEEDBACK FROM EVERYONE ELSE IF YOU SEE ANY AREAS OF DISCUSSION I MISSED.

Thanks to everyone for attending today's meeting. Next meeting, February 12, same time, same place.

Nancy Anderson