



## MEETING MINUTES

### Recycling Ad-Hoc Committee

July 2, 2020

**Attending:** Judi Fenno, Darrick Dietrich, Sandy Shelin, and Barbara Clark  
**Absent:** Elissa Brown  
**Council Rep:** Steve Moss and Ted Koehler  
**Staff:** Ki Bealey, Mori Struve, and Darci Bell  
**Guests:** None  
**Public:** None

### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Steve Moss.

### WELCOME

Steve welcomed everyone in attendance.

### APPROVAL OF JUNE 18, 2020, MINUTES

The June 18, 2020, minutes were approved as presented.

### REVIEW GOAL

The goal was reviewed again.

### REVIEW ASSIGNMENT/DELIVERABLES

There was discussion on plastics and Ki showed some recycling examples depicted in black/white photos that portrayed items with no lids, the neck of the item being smaller than the base of the item, and plastics #1 and #2. There was discussion on the value of plastics and the concept of a year 1 and year 2 recycling program with not doing plastics in the beginning or not identifying the plastics number and indicating that plastics that are used for human consumption may be recycled. Eliminating the recycling of plastics would not be a permanent solution, it would be the foundation. There was discussion on the label of recycling containers and establishing a feedback loop. When we advertise for a Request for Proposals for a consultant to assist with marketing, they will be able to assist us with a communications plan and a method for feedback. Members inquired about what are we seeing at Walla Walla Recycling and posting this information online. Barbara suggested a contest for the community where we would show where our current recycling efforts are and where we want to be and once we reach that milestone, we could eliminate the recycling surcharge fee for a month as a reward. There was discussion on how you get your recycling from your house to the recycling container and labeling/stickers for in-home bins. There was consensus from the members that the items to recycle include aluminum cans, tin cans, cardboard, clean aluminum, and mixed paper. No glass and deferring plastics. Discussion on how to strategize on getting the information out and better community engagement are items to continue to work on. There was a suggestion about identifying community ambassadors to conduct some random sorting/sampling once a month and then determine what measures we would take to correct behavior. Mori is to review the Solid Waste Management Plan and put together a list of the current items identified in the plan to be recycled and provide this list to the members for review and discussion prior to the next meeting. We will strike through items we suggest be eliminated and provide this revised list to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee for their concurrence and approval, and then submittal to the Department of Ecology. Once the list is approved, we can work on education and outreach efforts, and then prepare a report for City Council on the Committee's progress. Ki indicated that the selection of a consultant could occur in late August/early September.

### QUESTIONS

None noted.

### CONFIRM DATE, LOCATION AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

It was decided that the next meeting would be July 30, 2020, at 11:00 a.m.

### ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.