

**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**Recycling Commission Meeting**  
**Wednesday, July 13, 2016, 5:30pm – 7:30pm**  
**Noel Wien Library Conference Room**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners:** Brett Parks, Vice Chairman, Ariane Staples, Jimmy Fox, Karl Hough, Frank Williams, Paul Knight. **ABSENT:** Karl Monetti, Chairman

**FNSB Staff:** Jim Williams, Chief of Staff; Bob Jordan, Manager, Solid Waste Division; Dan Sloan, Director, Public Works Department; Brittany Smart, Special Assistant to the Mayor; Jane Steeves, Secretary

**Liaisons:** Van Lawrence, FNSB Assembly; Wyatt Hurlbut, UAF

**Guests:** Rebecca Brado, Green Star of Interior Alaska (GSIA); Rodney Guritz, Arctic Data Services, LLC (ADS), Andrea Miller, UAF; Ken Simington, Alaska Waste; Tammy Tragis-McCook, UAF; Matt Pearson, interested party

**3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

(Approval of Consent Agenda passes all routine items indicated by an asterisk (\*) on the agenda. Consent Agenda items are not considered separately unless so requested, in which case the item is returned to the general agenda. Said item will be discussed prior to public comment period, or under New Business, at discretion of Chair.)

A. \*Approval of Agenda -

**MOTION:** To approve as submitted.

**MOVED:** Jimmy Fox

**SECONDED:** Ariane Staples

**DISCUSSION:** None

**PASSED:** Unanimously

B. \*Approval of minutes of 04/13/16 meeting.

Included in 3. A. above

**4. MESSAGES**

A. Chairman's comments –

Paul Knight, Bob Jordan and Brett Parks attended a Robert's Rules of Order workshop.

B. Communications to the Recycling Commission:

I. Report on Total Reclaim Status – Rebecca Brado, Green Star of Interior Alaska (GSIA)

Total Reclaim (the company accepting electronics recycling materials) lost Certification with the E-Steward Program two months ago. The Program ensures workers are safe and materials are not going to third world countries. GSIA immediately notified interested parties when the third world country issue surfaced. Total Reclaim stopped sending materials to third world countries at the end of 2015. Total Reclaim passed a recent audit and corrective action plans are in place. Given the betrayal of trust, GSIA is exploring other options. Electronics are still being sent to Total Reclaim due to a lack of current viable options.

II. Report on FNSB Community Recycling Status – Jim Williams, Dan Sloan, Bob Jordan

a. Anticipated Central Recycling Opening Day: July 1, 2017

b. The RFI is complete.

c. The RFP has been issued with GSIA, K & K and WestRock CP responding.

d. The bid will be awarded September 15, 2016.

- e. 1220 Well Street has been chosen as the location; the closing date of purchase is August 31, 2016; the building is large and offers multiple options for future use in addition to central recycling.
- f. The design/build RFP closes November 28, 2016 with a deadline of May 26, 2017 for completion of renovations.
- g. Equipment is expected to arrive by April 14, 2017.
- h. The Fairbanks Rescue Mission will continue recycling materials, as in the past, until July 1, 2017.
- i. No plans are in place for composting since composting was not initially intended.
- j. It is recognized that the schedule is very ambitious of steps to be achieved. But, there is also lots of support for the process.

#### 5. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

(Note: our policy is to encourage public comment. All items on the agenda will be open for public comment unless otherwise noted. If you would like to comment on any agenda items and cannot stay until such items come up for consideration during the meeting, you may comment at this time. You may also suggest a future agenda item to the Commission at this time. Each speaker is limited to 3 minutes, with 30 minutes total time allotted.)

A. Agenda items

None

B. Items not on the agenda

None

#### 6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Items on agenda scheduled for public hearing

None

B. Items on agenda not scheduled for public hearing

None

#### 7. NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS/PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

A. Items on agenda scheduled for public hearing

None

B. Items on agenda not scheduled for public hearing

- I. Discuss and act upon Application for Special Recycling Projects: Organic Waste Source Study, dated 3/29/16, Rodney Guritz (p. 6). \$30,000

The purpose is to investigate options/models to begin a FNSB composting program. Three surveys, commercial, residential and agricultural, would be created similar to the 2012 recycling survey to answer the questions remaining from the original composting submission and to provide a concise report to the Commission.

**MOTION:** to accept the proposal as submitted.

**MOVED:** Ariane Staples

**SECONDED:** Jimmy Fox

**DISCUSSION:**

Compostable materials represent 30% of the waste stream, but the Solid Waste Facility is designed to accept it. On the other hand, demand for compost appears to be robust. The data is expected to support a private entrepreneur handling the composting in conjunction with the FNSB recycler. A staged approach to the surveys, beginning with residential, was suggested.

Concern was expressed that GSIA could possibly need an additional \$20,000 to continue electronics recycling with an entity other than Total Reclaim. The electronics recycling program has current priority with the Commission.

**MOTION FAILED:** Hough, Knight, Staples, and Parks: no; Fox, Williams: yes

The Vice Chairman recommended Rodney Guritz revisit the issue at a later date.

- II. Discuss and act upon Application for Special Recycling Projects: Community Event Recycling dated 6/30/16, Rebecca Brado, GSIA (p. 18) Relative to the Golden Wheels celebrations and the State Fair.

**MOTION:** to accept the proposal as submitted.

**MOVED:** Jimmy Fox

**SECONDED:** Frank Williams

**DISCUSSION:** Golden Wheels is offering \$2,000, the State Fair is not offering any funds for recycling. The plan is to recycle bottles and cans as a bare minimum, to distribute the reusable grocery bags and to provide awareness and education.

**APPROVED:** Unanimously

- III. Discuss and act upon Application for Special Recycling Projects: Recycling Kicker Prize for UAF Arctic Innovation Competition dated 6/30/16, Tammy Tragis-McCook, University of Fairbanks (UAF), School of Management (p. 27) \$2,000

**MOTION:** to accept the proposal as submitted

**MOVED:** Karl Hough

**SECONDED:** Jimmy Fox

**DISCUSSION:** The Competition receives 150-200 quality entries per year. Competitors have to be present to win. The Prize would be awarded for the best recycling idea. Basic guidelines will be needed from the Commission for pre-screening, judging, etc. Due to the fall deadline, more interest exists from the home school, charter and alternative schools than K-12. The hope is to make the Recycling Kicker Prize an annual offering. A post-event report will be provided to the Commission.

**APPROVED:** Unanimously

## 8. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

None

## 9. ADJOURN

**MOVED:** Jimmy Fox

**SECONDED:** Paul Knight

**DISCUSSION:** None

**APPROVED:** Unanimously