

FNSB Recycling Task Force Meeting

Wednesday, August 13, 2008, 4:30-6:00pm

Attendees

Brian Adams	Suni Lambert	Mike Musick (Chair)	Kerrie Ann Shannon
Joseph Blanchard II	Randy Lewis (Facilitator)	Mary Ann Nickles	Marielle Smith
Scott Calder	Sue McCullough	Phil Schad	Kristen Thomas
Robert Kilborn	Andrea Miller (Note-taker)	Barbara Sevier	Walt Weese

Goals for Next Two Meetings

- 1) Clarify the purpose of the Recycling Task Force
- 2) Achieve that purpose
- 3) Determine the future of the Recycling Task Force

Proposed Agenda

- Approve a mission statement for this Task Force
- Make a recommendation for the Borough Administration to address the following: Waste Reduction, Reuse, Recycling and Waste-to-Energy
- Establish goals and objectives for the group to achieve the mission statement

Goals are global and not necessarily achievable. Example: "End world hunger."

Objectives are steps taken to achieve goals and by definition are measurable and achievable. Example: "Support local food bank."

Suggested Mission Statement for the Recycling Task Force – Prior to Group Discussion

"To promote sustainable waste reduction, reuse and recycling in the Fairbanks North Star Borough."

Purpose of Recycling Task Force

The group discussed their understanding of the purpose of the Recycling Task Force:

- Randy spoke to Bob Schefchik, Chief of Staff to Mayor Whitaker – Bob stated that the formation of the RTF was in response to the proposed ban on dumpster diving that was voted down last year
- There was a previous Task Force in 2006 that produced detailed recommendations along with a report by the contractors MACTEC; however, the cost of the proposed programs was too high and the Mayor decided not to pursue them at that time
- Recently, the FNSB has been pursuing a Waste-to-Energy RFP that relates to the goal of recycling
- Some residents view the dumpster divers as the only current "recyclers" in the community
- The current RTF was formed informally by word of mouth, and has had somewhat variable membership depending on who attends the meetings
- Ultimate goal of the RTF is to bring about a community-wide recycling program
- Mayor thought the 2006 Task Force was too top-down, didn't get enough community input, and the proposed plans would cost too much; he wanted to try a more bottom-up approach this time

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Mission Statement

Discussion and development of a mission statement for the Recycling Task Force:

- Focus on “3 Rs – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle”
- Provide set of recommendations to Mayor regarding what we want FNSB to do for recycling
- Should the focus be broad/general (i.e. landfill reduction) or specific (i.e. recycling program)?
- Should the recommendation be to initiate something new or expand existing programs?
- Should we tell FNSB how to do a recycling program?

The following Mission Statement was drafted using input from the group:

FNSB Recycling Task Force Mission Statement

To make recommendations to the Mayor that the Fairbanks North Star Borough institute a comprehensive and sustainable recycling program.

A vote was taken **10 out of 13** members present voted to adopt this as the RTF mission statement.

Future of Recycling Task Force

One of our recommendations should be that the RTF continue as an ongoing, official Task Force

Plans for Next Meetings

- The next meeting will be the last one where Randy will be available as our facilitator
- We will draft and prioritize a set of Goals for the Task Force (approximately 10 or fewer)
 - Goals in this case = Recommendations (e.g. “Recycle Paper”)
- Randy tasked each member with coming up several suggested recommendations (up to 5 each) and bringing our ideas to the next meeting for discussion with the group
- Future meetings will need to establish Objectives to accomplish these Recommendations once they are decided upon by the group
 - Objectives in this case = Action Steps (e.g. Buy a pelletizer plant)

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, August 26th, 2008

4:30-6:30 PM

FNSB Assembly Chambers