

FNSB Recycling Task Force Meeting

Friday, September 12, 2008, 4:30-6:30pm

Attendees

David Bantz	Suzy Fenner (Note-taker)	Sue McCullough	Mary Walker
Scott Calder	Luke Hopkins	Mike Musick (Chair)	Jim Whitaker (Presenter)
Gary Currington	Randy Lewis (Facilitator)	Sue Sprinkle	

Introduction

- Recycling Task Force blog: www.recyclefairbanks.wordpress.com
- Randy Lewis facilitated a recent RTF meeting and a mission statement was drafted by the group
 - Mission Statement: To make recommendations to the Mayor that the Fairbanks North Star Borough institute a comprehensive and sustainable recycling program
- Mayor Whitaker addressed the RTF to report on the progress of the RFP for Waste to Energy, to clarify his intention for the group and to describe his vision of the how all the components of Recycling and Waste to Energy could fit together to produce a community asset that generates power, heat and carbon all of which can be used, with heat and carbon being injected into a series of greenhouses to produce food.

Mayor Jim Whitaker – Presentation

- Prior Recycling Task Force recycling plan was not comprehensive or sustainable
- Last year's Borough Assembly meeting in regards to dumpster diving made it abundantly clear that there is an overwhelming demand for a recycling program
- A plan needs to be sustainable, practical and economically viable
- Flip Chart:
 - W/S (Waste Stream) with an arrow pointing to a Recycling Program
 - Pulling materials out of the waste stream is encouraged and expected
 - Example: If there is an economically, environmentally and socially acceptable way to pull old tires, food waste or other materials in order to recycle/utilize these materials, our recommendations for a recycling plan need to include the components and methods for what can be done
 - Arrow pointing from Recycling to a Waste to Energy Facility
 - Recycling has access to the Waste Stream before Waste to energy
 - Finally, arrow pointing from Waste to Energy to the Landfill
- 80% of waste materials to be recycled and/or used for energy, remaining 20% left for landfill
- There would be an Advisory Commission for Recycling
- Update on Waste-to-Energy Project
 - Current RFP (Request for Proposal) is listed on the FNSB website
 - 2 University professors and 3 FNSB Administrators (not elected officials) will make their recommendations on the submitted RFP responses
 - More than 3 and less than 20 proposals have been submitted

NEXT MEETING

Friday, September 26th, 2008

4:30-6:30pm

FNSB Assembly Chambers