



Department of Public Works
Refuse and Recycling

MINUTES

Citizens Advisory Committee on Solid Waste Minutes

October 19, 2022

First In-Person Meeting

6:00 PM

Attendees: Chris Harrison, John Richardson, Marianne Walters, Susan Bardenhagen, Jesus Martinez, Tom Osina and Colleen Burroughs

Absent: Samantha Tungul and Rajendrashinh Chudasasm

The meeting began at 6:12PM.

- **Approval of the Meeting Minutes** – Minutes for 8/17/2022 meeting were approved by the committee as is. Jesus accepted motion to approve minutes and Marianne seconded.
- **Round Table Discussion** – Jesus advised that Georgetown South has installed cameras in the neighborhood to be used to see who is dumping trash. HOA is working with residents to educate them on how to put out trash and is removing trash carts that are left at the street all the time. Colleen reported that when residents call to get a new trash cart, they are told to check with the community office in Georgetown South first to see if the trash can is there. Colleen also reported that letters were provided from the City to the Georgetown South management office explaining the consequences of leaving trash carts out, not using trash carts, etc.

John advised that his neighborhood is still having an issue with the volume of trash being put out. Rental properties have multiple families (no indication that all are family members) in them, and businesses are being operated out of these homes which increases the trash volume. John thinks it is unfair that any homeowner in the city has to subsidize someone else's commercial endeavors when they are operating a commercial business. They should be paying their own expenses for their business; paying the same for trash service as a home that has multiple families living there, and has a business being run out of the house.

Tom Osina explained to the committee the history as to why more is not done by code enforcement to handle this type of issue. Reminded everyone that there is a way on the website to file a complaint that could then be investigated. The discussion was primarily around the cost being passed off the homeowners that the extra trash generated by these to file a complaint that could then be investigated.

- **New Business** –

Colleen advised that our 9/21/2022 meeting was cancelled an hour before the meeting was scheduled to begin due to lack of attendance. As of 4:30PM there was only 1 committee member that was definitely going to be attending the meeting; there were 2 maybes; 4 not attending; and 1 no response. Please be reminded that going forward these meetings are in-person and are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6PM in the Public Works Conference Room.

Bylaws were issued to all committee members by email. Per the Bylaws for this committee:

Section 2. Attendance: Should any member fail to attend three consecutive regular meetings of the Committee, or fifty percent of the meetings over a six month period, without adequate excuse for such absences, the Chair, with the concurrence of the majority of the Committee, shall recommend to the City Council that a vacancy be declared and that the vacated position be filled.

Terracycle Update - Samantha Tungul was not here to provide update. Will revisit this at November meeting.

Sustainable Task Force Update – Samantha Tungul was not here to provide update. Colleen provided information polystyrene/single use plastic ban that has been pushed back five years by the State of Virginia and advised that Governor Younkin is looking into bringing more recycling opportunities to Virginia.

Colleen advised that Samantha has resigned from the Keep Manassas Beautiful Committee and that the CAC for Solid Waste needs to appoint a replacement person to the committee. Susan gave a history of the committee. KMB committee is made up of 2 members – 2 from Parks/Rec; 2 from Beautification; and 2 from this committee. Susan explained what the committee does. A discussion was held about who was interested in volunteering for this committee. Susan nominated Marianne and Jesus seconded the motion. Chris volunteered to be an alternate in case Marianne could not attend a meeting.

Refuse and Recycling Coordinator Report

Colleen advised that we had approximately 230 cars come thru for the September HHW/Electronics Event and that the October event was cancelled due to Hurricane Ian weather predictions.

Fall RecycleFest Event will be held at the Manassas Transfer Station on Saturday, 11/5/2022 and we are still looking for volunteers to work the event. Jesus volunteered to work all day; Chris advised that his wife may be interested in volunteering; and John advised that his son may be interested in volunteering. Committee discussed educating residents on what types of documents should be brought in for shredding and the difference between electric items and electronic items.

The City of Manassas is currently waiting for responses for a new trash/recycling contract. Service from American Disposal is set to discontinue at the end of December. Bids are due 11/1/2022. Susan and Chris stated that they were interested in reviewing proposals that come in. Colleen advised that the cost of trash/recycling collection will be going up and that the City of Manassas currently has the lowest rate in Northern Virginia.

Motion was made to adjourn by Collen. Susan accepted motion and Chris seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Burroughs
Refuse & Recycling Coordinator
City of Manassas