



Department of Public Works  
Refuse and Recycling

# MINUTES

## Citizens Advisory Committee on Solid Waste Minutes

June 15, 2022

Zoom Call

6:00 PM

**Attendees:** Chris Harrison, John Richardson, Susan Bardenhagen, Samantha Tungul, Rajendrashinh Chudasasm, Marianne Walters, Jesus Martinez, Tom Osina and Colleen Burroughs

**Absent:** Ken Moorman

The meeting began at 6:05PM.

Chris Harrison welcomed our new committee member, Marianne Walters.

- **Approval of the Meeting Minutes** – Minutes for 5/18/22 were approved by the committee as is. Susan accepted motion to approve minutes and Raj seconded.
- **Round Table Discussion** - John mentioned that his Property Manager has issued letters to all residents telling them to put trash/recycle carts in front of their homes instead of in common areas or they could be fined. Chris suggested that John provide Colleen with contact name/phone number for Property Manager so Colleen could reach out to discuss placement of trash/recycle carts for service. Colleen requested that John provide a copy of the letter to her as well.

Susan brought up yard debris delays in service. Colleen explained that this issue is happening nationwide. American Disposal is experiencing driver shortages and supply chain issues which is affecting maintenance of trucks as well as arrival dates for new trucks.

- **Refuse and Recycling Coordinator Report** -
  - Bee Festival – we have enough volunteers for the event. John mentioned dead tree branch at Liberia House in the area where the tables are set up for the festival. Colleen stated that she would inform the City Arborist about the dead tree branch.
  - Advised that no volunteers were needed for the HHW/Electronics Event on Saturday, 7/2/22 at the Manassas Transfer Station 8AM – 12Noon.
  - Summer RecycleFest will be held at the Manassas Transfer Station on Saturday 8/6/22 from 8AM – 12Noon. Colleen will send out a volunteer sign-up sheet for this event in early July.

- Discussed problems with residents putting other things, such as lithium batteries in with their paper for shredding. For the last 2 shredding events, (November 2021 and May 2022) there have been fires in the shred trucks. Contractor very concerned. Website/flyer have been updated to state, no batteries or anything other than paper should be in the boxes for shredding.

Going forward we will need to talk to residents when they arrive at the transfer station and also have an extra person down by the shredding truck to talk to residents dropping off shredding and check boxes.

- **New Business** –

TerraCycle - Samantha provided information on TerraCycle – a Zero Waste Company that will take anything for recycling. Chris suggested that Samantha provide Colleen with her power point presentation to send out to all committee members. Samantha stated that Subaru in Leesburg is participating in the TerraCycle program and that maybe the committee could get the Subaru dealership on Liberia Avenue to do the same.

Colleen advised that the City would be able to advertise TerraCycle in Citywide newsletter/website but does not have funding in the budget. Recommends promoting TerraCycle to residents like we do with food waste composting and leaving residents to sign up to participate.

American Flag Collection – committee discussed working with VFW, American Legion, Scouts to set up American flag collection. Tom Osina provided information about the American Legion already has this program in place.

Motion was made to adjourn by Chris. John accepted motion and Raj seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 6:39PM.

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