



Department of Public Works  
Refuse and Recycling

# MINUTES

## Citizens Advisory Committee on Solid Waste Minutes

August 17, 2022

Zoom Call

6:00 PM

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

**Absent:** Ken Moorman, Susan Bardenhagen and Jesus Martinez

The meeting began at 6:12PM.

- **Approval of the Meeting Minutes** – Minutes for 6/15/2022 meeting were approved by the committee as is. John accepted motion to approve minutes and Samantha seconded.
- **Round Table Discussion** – Raj was out of town. He thanked us for calling him to remind him about the meeting and for sending the link for the meeting to him.
- **New Business** –

Terracycle - Discussion was had on how to proceed with Terracycle. Samantha brought up possibly having a subcommittee to work on Terracycle, however, it was decided that the committee would provide information on Terracycle for the City to advertise on website, social media, and a flyer available for hand out. Samantha will put something together and send to committee members for approval before the next meeting. Terracycle will be advertised in the same way as the food waste composting program by providing information to residents to let them know this option is out there. It will then be left up to residents to decide on whether they want to participate, and the cost of the program will be paid by residents themselves.

Sustainable Task Force – Samantha reported no meeting held yet.

- **Refuse and Recycling Coordinator Report** -
  - HHW/Electronic Event at the Manassas Transfer Station, Saturday, 9/3/2022 8AM to 12Noon – no volunteers needed. Please feel free to drop off your HHW and TV/Computers at this event.
  - Review of Summer Recycle Fest held on Saturday, August 6, 2022 – 368 vehicles; 209 had shredding. Seemed like fewer participants. Started out busy – 2 cars per minute for the 1<sup>st</sup> hour then would come in spurts, and we would have 10-minute periods with no vehicles, then it would get busy again. We will continue to have a volunteer on site by the shredding truck to talk to

each person dropping off paper for shredding to make sure there is nothing else in the boxes of paper. At least this way we are showing the contractor that we are concerned and we are being proactive to stop this from happening again.

- Switching to In-Person Meetings - City Council would like all appointed committees to resume in person meetings instead of having Zoom meetings. Those in attendance all agreed that in-person meetings would be good. First in-person meeting is now scheduled for Wednesday 9/21/2022 at the Public Works Building – 8500 Public Works Dr. at 6PM – in the large conference room. Colleen will send out directions on how to find the conference room prior to the next meeting. Chris volunteered to bring his laptop in case someone is unable to attend and still wants to do Zoom. When meeting announcement is sent out, Colleen will provide the information for the Zoom meeting for call in.

Raj will be unable to attend the September meeting in-person; he will be out of the country.

- The City of Manassas is currently writing a new trash/recycling contract for residential properties, government office buildings and businesses (not including food/beverage establishments) in Historic Old Town. Service from American Disposal is currently set to discontinue by the end of December; they are currently on a temporary 6-month contract extension. A discussion was held about whether rental properties are paying more for trash service since more people are living in the homes and there is more trash. Colleen explained that there is a single-family home cost, and a townhouse cost and it is not based on the amount of trash but on the type of home.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Colleen Burroughs**  
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City of Manassas