



Department of Public Works  
Refuse and Recycling

# MINUTES

## Citizens Advisory Committee on Solid Waste Minutes

March 15, 2023  
6:00 PM

**Attendees:** Chris Harrison, John Richardson, Susan Bardenhagen, Marianne Walters, Rajendrashinh Chudasas, Jesus Martinez and Colleen Burroughs

**Absent:** Samantha Tungul and Tom Osina

The meeting began at 6:04PM.

- **Approval of the Meeting Minutes** – Minutes for 2/15/2023 meeting were approved by the committee as is. Susan made a motion to approve minutes and John seconded and motion carried.

- **Round Table Discussion** –

Marianne brought up dog waste – explained that where her sister lives, residents with dogs are required to provide dog DNA to be tested against dog poop left in the neighborhood. Asked why there were no dog waste laws in the City of Manassas.

Jesus also discussed dog waste in Georgetown South; Colleen advised that the trash contractor is not required to collect dog waste since it is not residential waste, explained that HOA's can contract with dog waste companies to have dog waste cans emptied. Also mentioned the Courtesy Trucks that Georgetown South has reserved for late April. Colleen advised that any debris taken by the HOA to the Transfer Station on the Monday after the Courtesy Trucks are there, the City would cover the disposal cost of the debris. Also reminded that electronics/hazardous waste could go to RecycleFest 5/6/2023. Also discussed paint/debris piles left out by residents and Colleen advised that the residents are the eyes and ears of the community; if they see something, they need to say something.

Susan brought up dog waste and suggested that the committee bring up the topic with Tom.

**A motion was made to make an official recommendation to request that Tom Osina bring forth the committee's request to update the City of Manassas Code in regards to dog waste. Susan made a motion to approve this request; Marianne seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

- **Refuse and Recycling Coordinator Report** –
  - Manassas City Public Schools are moving forward with the idea of having a video contest with an environmental theme starting with the 2023/2024 school year. Information and applications in both English and Spanish have been provided to the schools.

- In December 2022 the City of Manassas applied for a grant with Keep America Beautiful to receive Litter Kits to be distributed to schools. We were recently informed that the City of Manassas has been approved to receive 50 Litter Kits sometime this Spring.
- City of Management staff attended Debris Management training in January 2023. Staff has reviewed the City's Debris Management Plan and has made a few minor adjustments and posted the plan on the website.
- Trash/Recycling part of the City website is in the process of being updated to get rid of old information and make it easier to use.
- The City of Manassas Recycling Rate for 2022 is 45%, and is holding steady for the 2nd year in a row. This year for the first time we were able to include food waste composting in our recycling rate calculation.
- City of Manassas 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration is being held on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at Dean Park from 2PM – 8PM. Fireworks are scheduled to start @730PM – the Department of Public Works will have a booth at this event and will also have multiple vehicles for Touch a Truck for the kids. Hope to see you there.
- Our next Household Hazardous Waste/Electronic Recycling event is scheduled for Saturday, April 1, 2023 from 8AM – 12Noon at the Manassas Transfer Station. No volunteers will be needed for this event.

**2023 RecycleFest dates are:**

Saturday, May 6, 2023; Saturday, August 5, 2023; and Saturday, November 4, 2023 - We will need volunteers to help out at these 3 events. Please put these dates on your calendars.

Volunteer sign-up sheet will be sent out in early April for our spring RecycleFest which will be held on Saturday May 6, 2023 from 8AM – 12Noon (plus set up/clean up time) at the Manassas Transfer Station. We will have household hazardous waste and electronics collection as well as secure document shredding available.

A signup sheet was circulated for our 5/6/23 event. This will also be sent out via email.

• **Old Business** –

- Tour of American Recycling Center is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be a 1030AM tour and a 1:30PM tour with a max of 13 people per tour. At April's meeting you can sign up for the time slot that works best for you. Sign up sheet was circulated, and will be sent out via email.
- Food Waste Composting Program. The City of Manassas is looking into expanding the food waste composting program. Currently, the program has 85 households participating. Since the program started in early 2021 53,661 pounds of food waste has been collected.
- Sustainable Task Force Update – update pushed to April 2023 meeting.

• **New Business**

Arbor Day Event scheduled for Friday, 4/28/2023 at Liberia House

- **Announcements**

Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 6PM in the Public Works conference room.

John Richardson made the motion to adjourn/Raj Chudasam seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 6:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Colleen Burroughs**

Refuse & Recycling Coordinator

City of Manassas