

Discussion Summary for August 23, 2006 Meeting

Minutes from previous (July 19) meeting were reviewed and approved.

Brief introductions were made again and the new members were welcomed.

The Bluegrass Partners for a Green Community Aug 11 & 12 conference was discussed. Feedback from attendees was included in packet. Overall feedback was positive (especially considering the short time available to put the conference together). It was also noted that there was a Herald Leader article on the conference in the packet as well as an article by Sue Weant in Business Lexington on sustainable cities. A copy of the Power Point on Reduce, Reuse and Recycle Team projects that was presented at the conference was also included in packet.

Esther gave an update on Bluegrass Pride projects they are undertaking in cooperation with the LFUCG Dept of Public Works. They now have 34 Fayette County schools signed up to participate in recycling program which significantly exceeded their original goal of 13. They also have signed up the Southland Business Association & Ball Homes and several other businesses as part of their initiative to promote recycling at businesses and apartments. There is a (Waste Busters) press conference scheduled for 11:00 Sept 8 at the Recycling Center to promote these initiatives and Team members are encouraged to attend. Tom noted that a FCPS teacher (Leia Hart) had expressed an interest in Crawford Middle School participating in the school recycling effort; Ester requested that Tom forward this to Maxine (Pride) so that she can follow-up.

Penny and Steve Feese gave update on LFUCG Solid Waste activities. A firm has now been hired to design the HHW facility and Steve is scheduled to attend SWANA HHW training. Additionally, a (residential) electronic scrap drop-off event is scheduled for the first week in October and then for the first week of every third month (quarter) thereafter.

Use of recycled glass was discussed. It was noted that the Div of Police is now using recycled glass from the LFUCG Recycling Center in the sand backstop at the outdoor firing range and that it will also be used in the Haley Pike Landfill closure as well as the road leading to the landfill. It may also be used in Greenway/trail projects. It is also catching on in landscaping. Tom Heil stated that it is now permissible to use mixtures of up to 10% glass in road construction in Kentucky. He also noted that some asphalt plants add the glass directly to their mix when producing asphalt that helps address potential concerns

regarding handling, etc. Bill Clarke said that it might be possible to use it in landscape applications for Parks and Recreation if documentation could be provided demonstrating its safety.

--Tom Webb, Team Leader