

## Discussion Summary for December 13, 2006 Meeting

Minutes from meeting were reviewed and approved with minor changes.

US Mayors City Recycling Challenge (Cans for Cash) project was discussed. The Dec 7 press conference was discussed. Tom Webb noted that four representatives from Novelis and the US Mayors Conference traveled to Lex to present the “oversized” \$5,000 check for the Most Innovative Idea category. He also noted that Sara Evans with Div of Waste presented a certificate to the LFUCG for participating in this contest (copy in packet) at the press conference. Approx 500 PSAs and 250 radio spots were run during the contest. In regards to next year’s contest, Garry Hoover suggested we start working with FCPS earlier (around June) particularly if SECAT is going to provide prizes for the schools that recycle the most, etc. He is willing to help ensure the right FCPS folks get involved. Three press releases went out from the LFUCG during the contest; one announcing the contest, one announcing we had won the award and; one announcing the Dec 7 press conference. The US Mayors Conference also issued a national release. Tom Webb thanked the Team for their hard work on this contest.

Esther gave an update on Bluegrass Pride projects they are undertaking in cooperation with the LFUCG Dept of Public Works. They now have 33 schools (public and private) signed up to participate in recycling program (33 active participants); 23 want audits. Finishing dumpster dives in all of these schools. Currently have 34 businesses signed up also.

Richard let the Team know that Solid Waste is revamping downtown collection routes to increase recycling rates.

Tom gave update on LFUCG HHW facility planning process. He met with Director and architect onsite Dec 11 to discuss how the HHW facility may be affected by ongoing UST remediation efforts. The intent still is to build a green facility, although it may not be “LEED” since he was unsure if the architectural firm had the experience/training to design a LEED facility.

Computer reuse possibilities were discussed. Rudy Cruse (Parks) and Ron Snowden (IT) explained how Tubby’s Clubhouse program works. Basically it is designed so kids tear down the computer and rebuild it then take it home. They give away approx 150 computers in an average year. Parks employee(s) clean & wipe machines and Central KY Computer Society helps “ghost” the machines (i.e. put Windows 2000 on the machines). The software “rights” come from the Central Kentucky Computer Society. Support is also

provided for the machines once they are taken home so they need to keep uniform software on the machines (having a lot of different software programs to support would be more difficult). They have three classes per year and now also are expanding this program to Senior Citizens (currently on a limited basis). They have received support from various firms. DELL gives them computers but Rudy feels this source is diminishing. Lexmark gives each participant a printer. KY Trade, UK, Keeneland, Tubby Smith, and Central Bank have all provided some kind of support in the past but there is a need for more computers. Ron indicated that it may be possible for LFUCG to give Tubby's Clubhouse our surplus computers if this could be worked out through IT and Central Purchasing.

It was decided that a meeting be scheduled with Purchasing to explore this possibility as well as reusing computers dropped off by the public during the Solid Waste electronics drop-off events for Tubby's Clubhouse and other nonprofit organizations such as Goodwill and Connect Kentucky. Representatives from LFUCG, Goodwill and Connect Kentucky will meet onsite at Furrow's at 1:30 on January 3rd to take a look at the types of electronics folks are dropping off.

Tom will also develop a draft survey to gauge the public's support for reusing computers they drop off during the January event. Esther said she may be able to help with survey.

Erin noted that Goodwill had hosted 100 teenagers for the how-to recycling project she discussed at the last meeting and this went well.

Potential to reuse unwanted cell phones was discussed briefly. Erin reiterated that Goodwill does recycle cell phones but she is unsure of details on how they are managed (she believes they get \$1.00 for each phone- unsure who is paying Goodwill for these). She will get details to share with Team.

Tom Webb briefed Team on Partnership Steering Committee activities. Committee is still reviewing bylaws to give the organization more structure and to better define what it means to be a Partner. Committee is also reviewing Statement of Environmental Principles. He noted there were copies of both in the packets and welcomed comments. He believes the Committee favors one partner level not the bronze, silver, and gold partnership levels as originally envisioned.

Information supplied by Barry Prater was shared with Team indicating the amount paid for recyclables was higher in container fee states than non-container fee states since there was less contamination. Tom said Barry may be able to provide more detail at next meeting.

Opportunity for the Partnership to participate in planning for the 2010 Equestrian Games was discussed briefly. It was noted that a Bluegrass Partnership Team is being formed to help make the games "greener." Folks interested in serving on this Team should let Tom or the Steering Committee know they wish to serve. This is an important opportunity to green up the games and make for a greener community after the games. If we are successful, it will also give the Partnership more visibility.

It was noted there was information on crumb rubber grant possibility in the packet. This is designed primarily for athletic fields but possibly could be used for things such as Parks playgrounds or even the equestrian center (indoor riding arena) at Masterson Station. Bill noted that Allen Laughlin may be best Parks contact. Bill suggested this info be forwarded to Parks director (Chuck Ellis).

Tom briefed Team on Governors Conference on the Environment. Also let Team know the LFUCG had joined KY EXCEL (was first local government to join).

Next meeting date and location: Wednesday March 14 at 1:30. The meeting is (tentatively) planned to be held at McConnell Springs.

--Tom Webb