

## Discussion Summary for March 14, 2007 Meeting

Minutes from Dec 13 meeting were approved.

Esther gave an update on Bluegrass Pride projects they are undertaking in cooperation with the LFUCG Dept of Public Works. They now have 30 schools (public and private) signed up to participate in recycling program and have done 7 dumpster dives. 14 more schools have expressed interest. Currently have 40 businesses and 7 apartment complexes signed up also. There was some discussion about extending this effort to FCPS administrative offices- this may be accomplished by having schools challenge the administrative office in a recycling contest.

Tom gave update on LFUCG HHW facility construction. He said that cleanup of the petroleum UST release at the planned location (Fleet Services) may slow the project some. He hopes to get state approval to proceed with the cleanup in near future.

Computer reuse and recycling were discussed. The January electronics drop-off event was reviewed. Steve said Saturday was their busiest day during the event; they received far more computers on this day than rest of week. Parks and Recreation spent approx 2 days on site and obtained 13 usable machines/hard drives for Tubby's Clubhouse during the January event. Tom noted that there is a copy of the City Source article in the packet that discusses this and mentions the Bluegrass Partnership's role. Goodwill is still looking at potentially recycling electronics but has not made a decision on how to proceed yet.

Tom also noted that folks dropping off computers during the January event were surveyed to determine whether they were in favor of allowing nonprofit organizations to reuse their computers. Although all the survey results had not been tallied, Tom looked at approximately 100 and they were overwhelmingly in favor of allowing reuse (there was only one that said no). A meeting will be scheduled with Parks, Solid Waste, Risk Management, etc to plan for April event. Bill is going to request that Rudy Cruse (Parks) contact Tom to schedule a meeting.

It was noted that Parks and Recreation are also now getting functioning surplus LFUCG machines (this will probably be several hundred per year) for Tubby's program. This was a result of LFUCG internal discussions subsequent to the last Reduce Reuse and Recycle Team meeting.

Garry said FCPS may also be able to donate working computers to nonprofits. This would depend in part on wording of agreements and possibly legal considerations.

Cell phones were discussed. Tom asked if Solid Waste could more heavily advertise the fact that cell phones are accepted during the electronics drop-off event. Steve said that would be possible. Esther indicated that Pride is getting paid for old cell phones (she believes around \$1.00 apiece). The RBRC call to recycle program for batteries and cell phones was also discussed. Tom will send RBRC link to FCPS, UK and Central KY Fiber so they can decide whether to set-up collection points.

US Mayors City Recycling Challenge (Cans for Cash) project was discussed briefly. Tom reminded group that we need to start working on this project earlier than last year particularly if SECAT is going to provide prizes for the schools that recycle the most, etc. This will be discussed in more detail at next meeting.

Steve briefed Team on Solid Waste activities. He believes the campaign to get Herbie to “lose weight” is working and that recycling is picking up. SECAT and Solid Waste will be evaluating recycling incentives in the McConnell’s Trace subdivision to try and identify the most effective ways to increase recycling. May include targeted mailings, coupons, monetary incentives, etc. Will use a solid waste truck with a scale to help determine success.

Solid Waste is also working with the KPPC to develop a mechanism/protocol to conduct community-wide waste stream audits.

Solid Waste is participating in upcoming Home and Garden Show.

Also moving to separate 14-gallon recycling bins for glass recycling to facilitate use of automated collection methods.

Team was briefed on Partnership Steering Committee activities. Committee has adopted bylaws and a copy of approved bylaws was in packet. Steering Committee is now reviewing Statement of Environmental Principles. Tom noted that the Steering Committee was planning to invite more

organizations to join the Partnership and if any one had a specific organization in mind to let the Steering Committee know.

Bill let Team know that Parks and Solid Waste are working on an initiative to recycle at all parks. Are adding containers to Jacobson and Shillito Park picnic shelters as well as maintenance barns. Will also survey Community Centers and office buildings as an aid in setting up recycling. Will also have an education program for Parks employees to promote recycling.

Tom noted that WUKY is running "envirominute" radio spots on local environmental issues as discussed in previous meeting. Team members may be approached to speak on this program eventually.

The 2010 Equestrian Games was discussed briefly. It was noted that a Bluegrass Partnership Team had been formed to help make the games "greener." The FEI has an existing green policy that the Team will be using to green up the games (instead of creating a new policy).

It was noted that Dr. Das would be speaking on the "Application of Six Sigma Methodology for Understanding and Enhancing the Recycling Rate of Used Aluminum Beverage Cans in Fayette County, Lexington, Kentucky" at the annual Sloan conference in Cambridge, MA during April 26-27.

It was noted that there is a "Campus Community Partnerships for Sustainability" conference scheduled for April 20-22 at ECU.

Also "Beyond Adversarialism: Toward a New Paradigm" conference on city planning is scheduled for Fri Mar 30 (5:30-9:30) & Sat Mar 31 (9:00-5:00). Contact Kandris at 257-3780 if you want to register.

Reforest the Bluegrass will be held Sat April 14 from 9 to 2 at McConnell's Trace, Call LexCall to volunteer.

Barry Prater noted Central KY Fiber is now a KY EXCEL member. He also invited Team to attend Central KY Fiber open house on Monday March from 10:00 to 2:00.

Informational items in packet were reviewed.

Next meeting date and location: Wednesday May 23 at 1:30. Location to be determined.

--Tom Webb