

MINUTES  
ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
JUNE 4, 2015

A meeting of the Environmental Policy Advisory Committee (EPAC) was convened on Thursday, June 4, 2015, at 5:15 p.m., in the Pueblo County Department of Planning and Development Conference Room, 229 West 12th Street. Chair Kester called the meeting to order at 5:25 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Those members present were:

William Alt	Doris Kester
Becky Cortese	Ted Lopez
Lois Illick	

Members absent: Susan Finzel-Aldred (excused), Gene Michael, and Chad Wolgram (excused).

Staff present was: Sandra Smith, EPAC Recording Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 2, 2015 MEETING

Mr. Lopez had a correction to Page 2, Line 26, "slenium" should be "selenium". He also had a correction to Page 4, Line 21, "updated" should be "updating".

Mr. Lopez moved to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2015 meeting as corrected. Ms. Illick seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIR'S REPORT – DORIS KESTER

Chair Kester stated she didn't have a report. She noted that Ms. Finzel-Aldred was absent and had provided her Environmental Coordinator (EC) Report and two handouts on upcoming events. Chair Kester summarized her report for the record.

ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR (EC) REPORT – CHAIR KESTER ON BEHALF OF SUSAN FINZEL-ALDRED

Chair Kester stated the EC report would be made part of the record. She reported in April 2015, the Bessemer and Eastside Neighborhood Clean-Ups were held in an empty parking lot at Abriendo Avenue and Canal Street. The Bessemer Clean-Up was held on April 25th with 142 total households served. The Eastside Neighborhood Clean-up was held on May 30th with 142 total households served. Chair Kester stated she attended a meeting at which people were talking about how much stuff was collected from the Eastside neighborhood. The EC provided grant writing assistance to the County Facilities Department to apply for free recycling bins from the Dr. Pepper/Keep America Beautiful Foundation, and the award was successful. The bins will be placed at the Runyon Field Sports Complex. The Coca-Cola grant for bins for use in County buildings was unsuccessful. The EC provided anti-litter education and stormwater pollution prevention classes held at several different schools and churches. The EC made a presentation on the Pay-As-You-Throw at the University Park Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting. The Recycle Hotline received 78 calls, and 15 Recycle Guides were mailed. She reported that three properties on the City's Eastside continue to fill dumpsters. Chair Kester reported in May 2015, the EC helped plan for the State recycling conference in Vail, June 7-9, 2015. The EC taught stormwater pollution prevention classes at South Mesa and Belmont Elementary schools. The EC presented "Recycled Seed Pots-Grow a Green Bean" at Fountain

Magnet School Science Day. The annual "Discovering Water in Pueblo (DWIP) Water Festival" at the CSU-P campus was cancelled due to severe thunderstorms. She reported that despite threatening thunderstorms and hail, the Recyclable Waste Day Event, held May 9th, was successful serving 544 vehicles in five hours. Colorado City had a Spruce-Up Day on May 16th, and the EC program paid for two roll-off dumpsters and tire pickup/recycling. A free Spring Clean-Up day was held at the Southside Landfill on May 16th. Mr. Lopez stated there was a \$3.25 charge. She reported that two separate residents in the Bessemer and Minnequa areas were referred by Pueblo Police Department Code Enforcement and received dumpsters to clean their yards of weeds, branches, and household junk. She noted the EC listed the meetings she attended and the data sheet for the Recyclable Waste Collection Day event.

#### WATER QUALITY SUBCOMMITTEE – GENE MICHAEL (Absent)

None.

#### SOLID WASTE SUBCOMMITTEE – T. LOPEZ

Mr. Lopez stated he did not have a report. He stated he participated in the Recyclable Waste Collection Day toward the end of the event. He stated that in the past, there had been vehicles arriving after the cut-off time. Ms. Illick replied that she also volunteered at the event and was there when they opened, noting there were only four cars in line. She stated they started to flow in later. She felt that serving 500 cars in the five hours was not that many, noting that she didn't feel she was very busy. Mr. Lopez stated there was a \$3.25 charge for the City clean-up. He stated it took him about 55 minutes to get through the line to the scales. He made two trips. He stated it seemed that event was well controlled.

#### OTHER DISCUSSION

- Pueblo Municipal Code Solid Waste Disposal Sites and Facilities Ordinance Amendment

Ms. Cortese reported that Ms. Lois Compton provided her with a copy of the portion of the Pueblo Municipal Code, noting she was requesting an amendment to Chapter 12 of Title IV of the Code related to Solid Waste Disposal Sites and Facilities. She noted that part (d) under Section 1 was what they wanted to add, i.e., "A certificate of designation shall not be required for any site and facility operated for the purpose of processing, reclaiming, or recycling recyclable materials pursuant to the exemption set forth in Section 30-20-102(5), C.R.S. provided that such site and facility is in compliance with Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment solid waste regulations, and further provided that all other approvals, permits and licenses which may be required under state law and city ordinances have been first obtained." Ms. Illick questioned if they didn't want to use the word "transfer station". Ms. Cortese replied that Ms. Compton was talking about drop-off sites for recycling. She wanted a commercial container in her own yard where people could drop off their recyclables. Chair Kester pointed out that under Section 1(c) it states, "A certificate of shall...". Ms. Cortese replied that it should read, "A certificate of designation shall...", noting that the word "designation" was also missing under Section 1(d). Chair Kester questioned if what was being proposed was an addition to what was already written. Ms. Cortese replied that Section 1(d) was an addition to the current Code. Ms. Illick stated it appears that recycling was not identified under Section 1(c); it only refers to nonhazardous solid waste. Mr. Lopez stated the proposed addition incorporates the State statute language, which makes it clearer. Ms. Cortese stated that when it comes to recyclables, to one person it's recyclable; to another person it's trash. She stated it all depends on how it is handled. Mr. Lopez felt there could be a definition of recyclable and use the terms "but not limited to". Ms. Cortese concurred. She stated it would include any facility for the purpose of processing, reclaiming, or recycling recyclable materials.

She stated this would also include a processing facility and a sorting facility. Any of those facilities within the City limits would be exempt from acquiring a certificate of designation. Mr. Lopez stated a certificate of designation was for trash with no concern to the types of materials included. He mentioned dead animals not being much of a problem. Ms. Cortese replied that the County drops off dead animals at her transfer station all of the time. Mr. Lopez stated that within the current City zoning district definitions, he thought it would make it easier to define the use-by-right and use-by-review. He also suggested screening the facility, noting screening was usually putting something on the fence. Ms. Cortese stated the amendment request was pretty simple. Ms. Illick questioned what the next step was. Ms. Cortese replied that Ms. Compton wanted to make sure that the members of EPAC agreed with the proposed addition; it would then be forwarded to City Council for their review and input. Mr. Lopez stated she needed to look at the Code to see if recyclables needed to be expanded in terms of the recyclables that would be included. He stated when Mr. Mike Occhiato was on City Council, EPAC was asked to create language for the ordinance. EPAC was the adoption process for the Solid Waste Management Plan. He felt approval from EPAC on the final language of the proposed amendment would encourage the City's approval. Ms. Illick questioned if PACOG should also be given the opportunity to provide input. Mr. Lopez stated EPAC should submit a request from PACOG to adopt the amendment, noting PACOG was meeting every month. He stated the proposal could be discussed at a City Council work session. Chair Kester questioned if what was recyclable was going to be defined. Ms. Cortese replied they could, noting that it may already be described in the State statute, but she didn't have a copy of the statute to refer to. Chair Kester stated things like paper, cardboard, plastics, and aluminum should be defined. Ms. Cortese replied aluminum, tin, steel, copper, and all the other metals. She stated in the recycling world, cardboard was delineated; paperboard was Kleenex boxes, cereal boxes; corrugated cardboard was the heavy boxes. Ms. Illick asked about pizza boxes. Ms. Cortese replied that if they weren't greasy, they could be recycled. Some companies put a wax paper to line the bottom of the box so that it could be recycled, but not all companies do. Chair Kester questioned if EPAC's role was to approve the amendment and forward it to City Council. Mr. Lopez stated he would like the changes to the ordinance discussed before implemented. He thought if any EPAC member had any additional suggestions, they could contact Ms. Cortese so she could bring a final draft of the ordinance to the next EPAC meeting. In the meantime, a resolution should be prepared for EPAC's approval of the amendment to the City ordinance, which would encourage PACOG to look at the amendment in a positive manner. Chair Kester stated this would encourage more recycling. Mr. Lopez stated that it also encourages getting more drop-off sites. Ms. Illick stated that it was what a lot of people want. Ms. Cortese stated that the biggest "want" is drop-off sites when it comes to recycling.

Chair Kester questioned Ms. Cortese if the proposed amendment was written by Ms. Compton or both of them. Ms. Cortese replied that the proposed amendment was given to her by Ms. Compton, noting she was not sure who Ms. Compton consulted with. Ms. Illick suggested changing the wording in the first part of Section 1(d) where it says "recycling recyclable". Move "recycling" after "purpose of" so it would read "...for the purpose of recycling, processing, or reclaiming recyclable materials...". Ms. Cortese concurred. Chair Kester questioned if there was a deadline. Ms. Cortese replied that it would not affect her ability to service her customers, but that Ms. Compton would like something done as soon as possible so she could provide recycling service at her location. Mr. Lopez stated that given the last time EPAC was asked to come up with language, he felt two to four months was a reasonable time. He felt that a final version could be presented to PACOG in August and City Council in September. He stated that by the end of the year or even the first quarter of next year wouldn't be out of line. Ms. Cortese stated that there was going to be an election this year and it would be nice to get things done with the current Council so they wouldn't have to start all over again educating new Council members. Chair Kester felt that was a good point.

AGENDA FOR AUGUST 6, 2015 MEETING

The next regularly scheduled EPAC meeting is Thursday, August 6, 2015, at 229 West 12th Street, from 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before EPAC, the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra M. Smith  
EPAC Recording Secretary

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## PCCHD ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATORS' REPORT *For EPAC Meeting 6/4/15*

April 2015

### **General Work**

Many hours were spent preparing for the Bessemer and Eastside Neighborhood Clean-Up's and for Recyclable Waste Collection Day (RWD), which included promotion. Winning artwork was chosen to promote anti-littering and protecting storm drains, to appear in the "Classroom Chieftain" published on May 15, 2015. The Environmental Coordinator was the committee chair and one judge for the statewide recycling art contest in Denver. Six Pueblo entries won this year! The artwork will appear in the *Colorado Association For Recycling 2015* video for public television this October-November 2015. The Environmental Coordinator provided grant writing assistance to the County Facilities Department to apply for free recycling bins from the Dr. Pepper/Keep America Beautiful Foundation, and the award was successful. The blue bins will provide collection at the Runyon Field Sports Complex for visitors and spectators during events. The Coca Cola grant for bins for use in county buildings was unsuccessful.

### **Public Education**

Anti-litter education classes were held at Liberty Point School kindergarten, Ascension Episcopal Church, First Congregational Church and South Park School preschool (170 children). Stormwater pollution prevention classes were held at North Mesa, Heritage and Minnequa Elementary Schools (250 students). The Environmental Coordinator made a presentation on the Pay-As-You-Throw concept, the recycling climate in Colorado and local recycling opportunities and events at the University Park Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting.

### **Events:** *Bessemer Clean-Up, April 25, 2015*

The clean-up was held in an empty parking lot at Abriendo Ave. & Canal St. from 8am-1pm. 22 senior/disabled residents received curbside pick-up. 142 total households came to the event. Municipal Court juvenile offenders helped pick-up litter and tires from the neighborhood alleys and fence lines. 14 30-yd roll-off dumpsters were filled with solid waste totaling 31.5 tons; three dumpsters filled with yard waste/branches, 1/2 dumpster of scrap metal was collected and 116 tires were received and recycled.

**Recycle Hotline** calls = 78 people **Recycle Guides** mailed = 15

### **Solid Waste Assistance Program (SWAP):**

The three properties on the city's Eastside continue to fill dumpsters.

The Environmental Coordinator attended the following meetings: PCCHD General Staff, Sustainable Pueblo EWG, the final Health Educators meeting, Fountain Creek Watershed District "Creek Week" Committee, County Sustainability Plan Core Committee, Family and Consumer Science Advisory Group.

# May 2015

## **General**

Much time was spent preparing for the events this month. The Environmental Coordinator also helped plan for the state recycling conference in Vail, June 7-9, 2015 at which she is coordinating the scholarship program for five college students to attend. CSU-Pueblo student Makenna Linn won a scholarship this year.

## **Public Education**

Stormwater pollution prevention classes were presented to South Mesa and Belmont Elementary Schools 4<sup>th</sup> graders (150 students). The Environmental Coordinator presented “Recycled Seed Pots-Grow a Green Bean” at Fountain Magnet School Science Day (395 students). The Annual “Discovering Water in Pueblo-DWIP Water Festival” at CSU-P campus was cancelled due to severe thunderstorms.

### **Event:** *Recyclable Waste Day May 9, 2015*

Despite threatening thunderstorms and hail, a successful event was held at the Colorado State Fairgrounds. Staff and volunteers served 544 vehicles in five hours. Set up and tear down went very smoothly. A data chart of materials collected at this event is attached at the end of this report.

### **Event:** *Colorado City Spruce Up Day, May 16, 2015*

This event was managed by the Greenhorn Valley Chamber of Commerce. The Environmental Coordinator program designed the promo flyer, loaned some event signage, gloves and safety vests, plus paid for two roll-off dumpsters and tire pick-up/recycling (136).

### **Event:** *Spring Clean-Up Day at the Landfill, May 16, 2015*

This event was sponsored by the City of Pueblo and Waste Connections of Colorado. The landfill admitted only City residents with any allowable solid waste free to cars and pick-ups, 8am-1pm. The Environmental Coordinator designed and paid for promotion in the newspaper, sent Public Service Announcements to radio stations and flyers to all waste haulers for their customers. The landfill reported that 184 vehicles participated, bringing approximately 575 cubic yards of waste. These numbers are only 1/3 of the turnout from 2014.

### **Event:** *Eastside Neighborhood Clean-Up, May 30, 2015*

Residents bought clean-up tickets at NeighborWorks, JB Pharmacy and MusicMan. The clean-up was located at an empty parking lot at Abriendo Ave. & Canal St. from 8am-1pm. 22 senior/disabled residents received curbside pick-up. 142 total households came to the event. An employee from Power Credit Union, City Council Member Ed Brown and three neighborhood residents volunteered. Municipal Court juvenile offenders with some parents helped pick-up litter and tires from neighborhood alleys and fence lines. 14 30-yd roll-off dumpsters were filled with solid waste totaling 31.5 tons; three dumpsters filled with yard waste/branches, a half dumpster of scrap metal was collected, and 116 tires were received and recycled.

**Recycle Hotline** calls = 110 people **Recycle Guides** mailed =17

## Solid Waste Assistance Program (SWAP)

Two separate residents (Bessemer, Minnequa area) were referred by PPD Code Enforcement and received dumpsters to clean their yards of weeds, branches, and household junk.

The Environmental Coordinator attended the following meetings: PCCHD General Staff, County Sustainability Plan Advisory Committee, and CAFR Board Meeting/Westminster.

### Recyclable Waste Collection Day: Pueblo, Colorado Data Sheet 2015

Lead vehicle Batteries	30
Tires	668
Casings	638
Rims	30

E-waste	
Computers, Televisions, Stereos, Other	18,200 lbs.
Dry Cell Batteries	660 lbs
<i>A's, C, D, 6V, 9V, NiCd, shipped in buckets</i>	

Appliances: drained and recycled	
Refrigerators	10
Freezers	3
Air Conditioners	8
Freon removed	18.87 lbs
<i>R-134A=56 oz.; R-12=90 oz.; R-22=156 oz.</i>	

Paint Collected: bulked and reused		
Latex	1,750	Gallons
Aerosol cans of paint	1 cub yd	Box

Fluorescent Bulbs: shipped to recycle		
4' tubes	216	(9 boxes)
8' tubes	120	(5 boxes)
CFLs	300	(2 boxes)

Zip codes	Households	%
81001	64	11.8%
81003	38	7.0%
81004	85	15.6%
81005	195	35.8%
81006	49	9.0%
81007	65	11.9%
81000	32	5.9%
81019	2	0.4%
81022	1	0.2%
81023	4	0.7%
81025	1	0.2%
81240	1	0.2%
81069	6	1.1%
81082	1	0.2%
<b>Total participants</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



Open to the Public  
Saturday, May 9, 2015  
8:00am-1:00pm  
Colorado State Fairgrounds-Midway Lot

<b>PCCHD Staff:</b>	
Susan Finzel-Aldred	Chad Wolgram
Beth Penrod	Jeff Mara
Alicia Solis	Kathy Neilson
Luz Rodrgues	Khannah Ditkoff
Erica Billings	Alejandro Lerma
Aaron Martinez	

**Volunteers:** 7 from community,  
8 YOS workers + 2 CDOC officers  
12 workers + 3 staff from Municipal  
Court Program

% of Vehicles	Dropped off...
43.00%	Paint
45.00%	E-Waste
19.00%	Tires
18.00%	Small Batteries
15.00%	Hg bulbs
15.00%	Appliances
4.00%	Vehicle Bateriaes

\$70 donations received

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