

AGENDA

Friends of the Landfill Committee

Friday, April 20, 2021

12:00 Noon

Call-in number: 800-791-2345; Passcode: 57512

1. CALL TO ORDER 12:01; Mark Lisac moderator

2. ROLL CALL

Members: Mark, Jane, Debbie, Renee, (no quorum)

Guest: Richard Murphy (landfill supervisor), Greg Brelsford (Int. City Mgr), Eric Goddard

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Renee, Jane

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES : Approve minutes of February 26, 2021: Renee; Jane

5. OLD BUSINESS:

Greg Brelsford; thanked the FOL for the efforts. His last day 2 weeks 5/14; Transition to next interim (Chris Hladick 5/10) May to Nov. Greg concerned that City not likely to find permanent mgr but recruitment continuing. Head hunter contracted for search.

A. Approved Project Updates

Aluminum can recycle: Sue/Eric

Richard – Crusher has no damage; still in good shape; landfill crew is short handed; Going to move back to Senior Center garage. Can bin deposited and cubed cans (8 pallets) at landfill need to be moved; Possibly get a connex & pallets @ Senior C. so it can be pack & ready to ship.

Eric (till May 28) – will coordinate with Richard – landfill@dillinghamak.us

Reduce bear conflicts at the landfill: Paul

Richard – Electric fence best that it has been last year; active cell & fish waste; no bear forceful entry; only in active cell; accidental break through; still too much snow; have all components; replaced all that fire destroyed. Some winter damage by moose; scat but no current evidence of bears in cell.

Will wait for Paul's return & snow melt to reestablish active cell perimeter.

Richard – will be comm fishing & off 6/15 to 8/5;

Eric - plans to do some experiments & analysis of fish cells to determine usefulness as compost.

Compile list of grant opportunities: Debi :

Debi - AARP \$10K grant submitted for fish waste system upgrades including: buckets, signage, teaching/education opps. Anticipate decision 1st week of June; Eric – planning to develop composting class through BBC.

Renee – working on NOAA grant opp for old fishing web waste. Deadline has past for this year will submit next year; She has talked with JeanO to continue old web storage @ harbor. Old web needs to be sorted; some non-recyclable (cotton, moldy, etc). Hopes to have plan to sort at the end of fishing season. Mark will try to find out info about new effort to mix web with plastics to produce lumber products (AK Fish Report/AK public?). Debbie – will help with grant. Renee to share link to grant info.

Outreach: Paul/Heather/Gabe; nothing to report

Other project updates

1. Electronics recycling update; BBAHC project and Tribal funding options: Renee Renee – Coordinating w/ Melanie Eiken (BBAHC Enviro Health). Potential grant w/ \$100K. Possible Tribal \$ to assist / matching. Possible plan for a work party late May. (Renee & Mel). Discussion about establishing a collection site @ City Dock in the future. Preliminary discussion about fee structure for electronics deposal – ALL need to review and comment to Paul/Richard before discussion w/ Code Cmmt.

6. NEW BUSINESS/NEW DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. New Project Proposals (if any); None

B. Two vacancies on FOL Committee;

FOL is currently at 9 members; established to have 5-11 members.

Eric will submit email request to Mayor Ruby for FOL membership.

C. Grant opportunities

Richard - expressed interest in using a large tarp that can be used as a temporary daily cover over the landfill active cell. DEC has approved this use for others. He will investigate options.

1) Alaska Leader ;
Debbie – Call for proposals expected; grant used for a variety community type stuff. She will update later.

2) AARP Community Challenge 2021; Debbie – submitted for \$10K; find out in June. See above discussion.

3) Grants for old fishing gear; Fishing for Energy Program
-Renee - NOAA grant opp for next year. Old/moldy or cloth web is non recyclable and needs to be sorted out.

Richard – DEC allows old web to be buried into cell. Renee –

D. Electronics fee schedule – Draft attached to Paul’s email.

-Based on comments received, this draft has been revised. We need to approve at the next meeting (May) and forward on to City Code Cmmt.

Richard – Fee schedule need to express what are benefits to city? Will pay for itself; will save landfill space. Removes valuable metals & toxics. It is tough to get people to sort.

Renee – Electronics recycling requires cost of barging south; have to pay someone to take it from dock to a processor; market for recycling dictates total cost;

Richard: Other info. Currently -

No charge for sorted bottles and Al cans.

There is a charge for other metals (tin cans; power heads, scrap) so people try to include.

NEED OUTREACH - & ED TO EXPLAIN how charges work and the benefits for sorting your trash.

E. Community Cleanup – May 14, 15, 16

-Volunteer to distribute posters and get to KDLG about May 3;

Richard –City closed on weekends so Public Works not on duty and Landfill crew had to do pick ups. He said it is evident that some people use the “free” weekend for cleaning up their personal yard. Some use 20 bags.

Poster/flyer (attach to email) available for distribution. Jane & Debbie will coordinate pick up & distribution. Maybe DAN BOYD can assist.

-Paul will distribute yellow ALPAR bags 3-6 PM May 13-15; at the DPM/DMV lobby.

F. WAISC – May 13-14

-FOL has been asked to present at the conference.

-Paul will cover but will accept any assistance (or turn over if someone wants to do the presentation).

7. REPORT FROM PUBLIC WORKS ON ANY LANDFILL UPDATES FOR THE COMMITTEE;

Richard : Metal yard; going to smash down; Working on contract to fix incinerator shed/shop; Coordinating disposal of Impound Lot with JeanO & cop shop; Elect fence – minor work to get up & running; DEC Evaluation; coverage – use tarps in winter; He will be off 6/15 to 8/5.

*Forgot to mention: FOL needs to discuss/consider a proposal to change Landfill schedule to be closed on Sunday – Monday (currently W-Th). Best to give Landfill crew Sundays off. Survey constituents and have comments ready for next meeting.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

9. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS - none

10. ADJOURNMENT @ 13:29