

Minutes for the March 12, 2018 Meeting ~ Talkeetna Recycling Committee ~ Talkeetna Roadhouse

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Chairperson Brenda Walsh.

Grete Perkins will take minutes.

Present were Brenda Walsh, Cary Birdsall, Grete Perkins, and Cici Schoenberger, establishing a quorum.

Kelly Thomas was also present as a Person-to-be-Heard. She will Chair Earth Day, once again. It will be held on Sunday, April 22nd, starting at 2pm, at the Denali Arts Council Performing Arts Hangar. The rental of the building was offered at a discounted rate of \$125 as a non-profit organization. Kelly is looking for assistance with this fee. There will be tables available inside the Hangar on Earth Day, with a fee of \$5 for private individuals, \$10 for business and free for public information tables. Grete Perkins volunteered to pay the rent for the hanger. Mat Su Borough will be bringing up a bin for cardboard recycling. This will be the only recycling available that day.

Brenda spoke with Butch Shapiro, MSB Solid Waste Mgr., and he bought a collection bin with a slot for cardboard that will be at our Recycling location. This is the bin the borough will be providing for cardboard collection on Earth Day. After Earth Day, this bin will be housed at the transfer site and cardboard collection will continue from there.

The Spur Rd. Cleanup will probably be on Saturday, April 21st. Kelly will contact us with any further details for cleanup or Earth Day.

Brenda will contact Jack West and Tim Bradley to get together regarding cost of the 10X10 building and roof over the pad in front of the baler.

Brenda spoke with Molly from VCRS about multi-use possibilities with the baler. Molly said this would not be possible. If we want to do this, we would need to purchase a compactor.

The Jessica Stevens Community Foundation Healthy Communities Grant will open soon and Brenda will fill out an application for additional funding to complete the housing for the baler at the transfer site.

There was discussion about reducing or eliminating plastic bags in the community. Cary Birdsall suggested using the Talkeetna Welcome sign as a reusable bag logo. Brenda will look into use of the logo. Cary said the NPS Ranger Station will have non-plastic bags, and a filtered water station for visitors to refill their water bottles. Cary said the borough plans to get a glass crusher for the transfer site. This year, they plan to separate yard waste (grass, leaves, and brush) at the transfer site.

Discussion followed about covering the recycling schedule when Cici is out of town. Cici is willing to continue when out of town but asked for reminders.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Grete Perkins