

Talkeetna Recycling Committee, TCCI
February 12, 2017 at Talkeetna Roadhouse 7pm
Draft Minutes

1. Call to order, 7pm – Brenda Walsh, Christie Seay, Cici Schoenberger, Jack McDonald, Jodi Rodwell, Whitney Wolfe (by phone)
2. Cici will take the minutes
3. Approval of January minutes
4. out of town guests – Butch Shapiro

The draft of the road map is complete and the borough will be keeping all of their transfer sites open. They plan on moving forward and expanding recycling. Butch asked the committee what their wish list would be for redesigning the existing site. Butch also confirmed that he has funds budget for paying for 3-phase power. He has money to spend now for engineered drawings for the updated transfer site layout. Butch and Jack discussed the electrical requirements of the baler. Butch also confirmed a fork lift or similar would be provided to move bales. Butch is hoping the baler can also bale other recyclables such as plastic. Brenda volunteered to discuss this with Molly. Christie asked whether a borough employee could help with this and moving cardboard.

5. Correspondence – none
6. Updates on Homework
 - a. Whitney and Christie attended chamber board meeting. Board was receptive to recycling and agreed to post info including link to our facebook page on web site and in news letter.
 - b. Whitney, Brenda and Jodi went to the general meeting of the Chamber of Commerce to tell them about the Subaru zero landfill initiative(ZLAP) and how TRW, the chamber and the ZLAP might work together in the future.
 - c. Brenda and Jodi met with Becky Moren (Talkeetna Elementary Schl principal) and Lisa Shelby(Su Valley high principal) at Su Valley High to discuss recycling in the schools. Two members of the Denali Education Center(DEC) who were involved with setting up recycling in tri valley school in Healy attended by phone. They outlined how they got recycling in their schools up and running. This was a student led initiative which began with a waste audit and a calculation of the percentage of the waste stream that could be recycled. Lisa and Becky are both very supportive of undertaking a similar audit. DEC is going to work with tri valley to bring the students who started the project to our schools and hopefully inspire our school's student to set up their own recycling.
7. Update from VCRS
8. Whitney met with Mark from Park Services and Shawn from Twister Creek – Mark assured Whitney that he is happy to continue managing the 2 park service recycling bins. He did tell Whitney that there was a shelf inside the recycling collection bin that he removed because it blocked the bags. Now they work fine. Shawn had the same issue with their bin and would like to fix it.
9. Earth Day – Kelly Thomas is going to coordinate and we want a booth. Also, butch shapiro offered to bring our cardboard recycling bin to NSI for the event.
10. Clarification of TRW policy on business recycling – When asked about businesses recycling, Butch said the transfer site is not for businesses at all. We expressed confusion, and he said he would look into this further.
11. Adjourn 8:40pm