

Arizona Recycling Coalition Legislative Committee Meeting
February 18, 2009
Hudson Baylor offices

Attending: Les Miller, City of Avondale
Denette Dunn, Hudson Baylor
Gina D'Abella, Environmental Concerns Organization
Julie Stanton, SitePlus

(Summary of Action Items from Last Meeting: to continue refining each of the issues for presentation to the ARC Board.

Denette: State Mandatory Recycling Bill

Gina: Variance and Plastic Bags

Matt: Bottle Bill

Janet/Les: Event Recycling)

- Meeting began by talking about House Bill 2416, a Plastic Bag Recycling Program bill sponsored by Representative Nancy Young Wright, of Tucson. It was presented and discussed at the Environmental Committee the day before. No one from our committee had attended, but we discussed the potential to start attending the Environment Committee meetings, which are every Tuesday afternoon, and start our advocacy efforts with this group of legislators.
- We need to find out the history of HB 2416, Denette said that Terry would know, and also that Phoenix may not be in favor of the legislation since they already have their Bag Central program in place
- We need to find out what happened at the meeting. (minutes are not yet posted as of 2/23)
- Gina presented a proposed amendment to the current state code regarding the variance for the twice weekly trash pickups. We agreed that before we proceed, we need to share it with the Board and get approval, since it will be representing the Coalition. Gina to email document to Denette who will share it with the Board.
- We discussed the fall conference that will be held in association with SWANA and APWA, and how an Advocacy education track would be beneficial not only for AzRC but also for the other groups as well.
- Denette and Julie have a contact, Elissa Mullany, who does political representation. While she wouldn't be the person to do the training at the conference, she would be very beneficial to our committee to help guide us and give us some rudimentary training as we start approaching the Legislature on issues.
- Julie will seek Elissa's attendance at our next meeting
- We agreed we need to have specific agendas and focus for when we go to meet with the Legislators.
- The Trash Variance seems to be a great one to start with.
- Since Julie was elected to the Board, she cannot maintain role as recorder of this committee, and may have to step away as an active participant. While Gina said she could do it in the meantime, she can't take it on permanently, and so we need to find another recorder.
- We discussed the need for actively recruiting new members onto the committee.