

MINUTES

Arizona Recycling Coalition Legislative Committee

May 13, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Denette Dunn at 10:15 a.m.

In attendance

Denette Dunn, Hudson & Baylor, Bill Toby, Commodity Management Services, Patrick Keesy, Sierra Plastics, David Hertzberg, Sonoran Waste Disposal, Matt Snyder, US Airways, Patience Monroe, Maricopa County (Minutes), via conference call Gina D'Abella, Environmental Concerns Organization, Inc.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from former meeting were not reviewed.

General

The members introduced themselves. Bill Thornton with Maricopa County Solid Waste was unable to attend. Patience agreed to take minutes and submit by May 15, 2009. Denette announced purpose of meeting: to briefly review and select one of two legislative bills AZRC would dedicate its time to and propose to legislation in the future. Bills under current consideration

1. Trash Collection Variance (code change)
2. Illegal Dumping (fee)

Legislation Proposal

David was recently advised by a former State Senator, Steve May, on how to accomplish legislation and he suggested the easiest would be to advance with an indirect proposal, code change, if AZRC wished to accomplish a new legislation. Here is what David found out.

- Either Bill would require an intensive amount of labor by AZRC legislative committee,
- Depending on who AZRC delegates/choose to present Bill could quickly end its journey or advance it.
- Best time to present a new Bill is January 2010
- AZRC LC must identify exactly what we want, know thoroughly who Bill enemies or allies are, understand the pros/cons of the Bill and as much as possible about it.
- Choose a neutral and supportive representative to meet with WM lobbyist or strongest enemies/allies to create an opportunity to negotiate.
- City and County representation are a plus

Committee Discussion

Gina supports and is passionate about proposals and finds them equally important and suggested we split the two up. Bill Toby suggests we research both proposals in more depth to understand the indirect and direct financial and environmental impacts for the short and long term. Patience agreed with Bill Toby's suggestions and Maricopa County's process for variance request under current legislative isn't an issue and MC supports the variance based on Gina's experience in Pinal County. Gina further reported the lack of funding in Pinal County for code compliance officers to oversee the variance process and inspections. Matthew pointed out that committee has plenty of time to work on both bills and committee should plan a time line for research, relationship building with allies/enemies, legislative process, etc. Patrick concurs with all others and would like more insight to the issues presented. Denette proposed the committee present Code Variance in 2010 and Illegal Dumping in 2011 and for the committee to split the two proposals up and further research both. The splitting up is simply to further research and develop the Bills and once they are better developed group can review them and possibly move each forward together or at separate years. Group may not want to split them up beyond research because they are both within the same industry and will cross the paths of similar if not the same lobbyist, etc.

Committee Agreements

- Gina – 2nd Denette on splitting Bills with a 'Yes' vote to further research both and present them both.
- Dave voted 'Yes' to separating the committees and not splitting them up entirely.
- Bill Toby voted 'Yes' to separating committees and to bring both to advisory at same time.
- Patience voted 'Yes' to separating committees and to bring both to advisory at same time.
- Matthew voted 'Yes' to separating committees and to bring both to advisory at same time.
- Patrick voted 'Yes' to separating committees and to bring both to advisory at same time.
- Denette voted 'Yes' to separating committees and to bring both to advisory at same time.

Announcements

Next Meeting

June 17, 2009 at 10:00 a.m., location TBA

Next Steps

- Minutes back to AZRC May 15, 2009 (Patience)
- Next Meeting June 17, 2009 at 10 a.m. place TBA – alternative locations were offered by committee members.
- Gina and David – research and prepare information on Trash Variance to present with committee at next meeting.
- Bill Toby and Patience - research and prepare information on illegal dumping to present with committee at next meeting.
- Denette to e-mail committee by 22nd requesting response on committee interests.
- Sign up at www.Phoenix.gov/plan for Phoenix Legislative Action Network

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made at 11:00 a.m. and was passed unanimously.