

**SANDPOINT SUSTAINABILITY MEETING  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2016, 4:00 PM  
SANDPOINT CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1123 LAKE STREET**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** John Hastings, David Price-Williams, Cindy Peer, Katie Turner - minutes, Rebecca Holland, Bridget Koch

**COUNCIL/STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** City Staff liaison Ryan Shea

**COUNCIL/COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:** Nancy Dooley, Karen Robinson

Chairman Peer called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

**MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None

**Agenda Item 1: Approval of August 18, 2016 Minutes**

Hastings moved and Peer second to change minutes of August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 location to the City Council Conference Room. **Motion passes unanimously.**

**New Business:**

**Agenda Item 2: Presentation by Terra Cressey**

Cressey spoke about her efforts in Glass Roots Recycling and her involvement in Sandpoint's 'Green Team'. She discussed the overwhelming response she received from the community and the high volumes of glass which came into her shop, as well as the demand for glass cutlet by local businesses. She stressed the need for appropriate infrastructure and pre-set sales segments in making glass recycling a viable business.

Cressey also spoke about sustainability of the Festival at Sandpoint and the 'Green Teams' role in managing waste.

Much of the waste is able to be upcycled, but a few places of improvement suggested by the Sustainability Committee are:

- Integrate a water bottle filling station to the Memorial Field Renovations Project and alleviate the need for vendors to sell plastic water bottles
- Look into possible alternatives for the glossy front page program cover to one which can be recycled

The Sustainability Committee recognizes the value and importance of the 40+ volunteers comprising the current 'Green Team', and is looking into ways to further utilize the 'Green Team' in community education efforts such as pilot projects associated with recycling in downtown.

### **Agenda Item 3: Develop an Action Plan for Improving Recycling in the City**

Committee members were asked to propose ways in which to improve recycling in Sandpoint. Due to time limitations, further discussion is needed on this agenda point for next months meeting.

- Hastings expressed the opportunity for recycling in public schools. He proposed a cost evaluation of compostable flatware and reusable flatware between Sandpoint Schools. Money gained by the schools participation in recycling would go towards further program funding within the given school
- Committee members discussed ways to reuse waste generated by food and beverage businesses in Sandpoint
- Turner and Holland discussed a need for community education on plastic bag recycling and promotion of reusable bags
- Peer shared an article on creating a community composting program
- Committee members expressed a unanimous need for creating self-sustaining upcycling endeavors

**Matters from Commission or staff:** None.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.