

Powhatan Anti-Litter Council

Meeting Minutes – Feb 12, 2020

Attendees: Barbara Adcock, Arthur Gregory, Betty Handy, Cathy Howland, Johnny Melis, Mimi Ziletti

New members: Veronica Pilkenton (District 3); Sally Taylor (District 4)

DEQ Grant FY2019-2020: \$6,250 – confirmation letter received on October 28, 2019. This must be spent by end of May 2020. Any funds remaining will be transferred to Johnny for Convenience Center expenses.

Old Business

- **Amnesty Day:** Plans for the event were discussed and the group determined it will be held on March 28. Johnny reported that two tire trailers were reserved for regular vehicle tires or smaller. Cathy will contact Dept of Corrections to see if a work gang can be confirmed to handle the tires. She will also contact the fairgrounds to see if it is available. Arthur agreed to contact the high school's JROTC and to bring cones for the event to mark off the parking lot travel lanes. Mimi talked to Charlie Hite to receive prices and reported the charge is \$15 to change the date on the existing banners and \$45 to add copy to the 2nd side of the banners (two-sided). Discussion followed regarding the flow of traffic and to ensure the tire trailers were back further so that cars don't bottle neck once inside the gates. Also, make sure another big event was not planned on same date at fairgrounds. Betty would like to volunteer from 7:30-10am
- **Powhatan Recycles Day:** Russ Rainer with Goodwill Services coordinated the event in November. Three ALC volunteers manned a table for the Council. However, they said the wind was cold and not a huge turnout. Most people dropping off electronics for recycling didn't stop at the various vendor tables. It was determined however that it was a good connection and did not cost the large fee the Council paid previously to the CVWMA group.
- **Christmas Tree Recycling:** Robbie Urbine of Yard Works reported that 75-80 trees were dropped by for recycling. He is still very happy with the partnership with ALC.

New Business

Regional Anti-Litter Campaign – the theme is "Don't Trash Central Virginia." Brigid worked with the campaign coordinator to obtain a personalized logo for Powhatan. ALC is responsible for marketing the theme in the community to raise awareness about the litter issues in Powhatan as well as the other 5-6 counties in the region. A roll-up banner with stand and stickers were provided to use at events. The group discussed bringing the banner to tire amnesty and Earth Day Celebration to raise awareness. Cathy and Brigid will share posts on the ALC and Powhatan County Facebook pages.

Discussion followed on various topics including the following:

- No pizza boxes allowed in paper recycling bins.
- Someone asked about outdated medicine and what to do with them. There's a safe box at the Sheriff's Office and CVS year-round.
- Mimi mentioned an old dump is located on the edge of Fighting Creek and Scottsville. Johnny will check on it and see if facilities staff can clean it up.
- Convenience Center recycling bins are easier for residents now as all recycled items #1-7 can be put in bins. However, plastic bags are still getting thrown in which contaminates the recycled items. It was suggested to put a plastic bag recycling bin out there. Signs would need to be very visible. No action to take place.
- District representatives discussed – Mimi will ask Karen Carmack; Arthur will check with Mike Byerly.

Next meetings: Wed, March 18, and May 13, both @ 1pm Extension Office

Meeting adjourned at 2pm.