

## Physical Environment Committee Minutes

**June 11, 2013  
8:15am – 9:15am  
Lincoln Building Conference Room**

<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	Ted Curtis & Harvey Sterns – Co-Conveners
<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	UC Committee
<b>FACILITATORS</b>	Ann Hassenpflug
<b>NOTES SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Shelly Keller
<b>ABSENT</b>	Ted Curtis – Co-Convener Garrett Dowd Denise Montanari Shawn Stevens William Thelin Harvey Sterns – Co-Convener USG – Vacant Position
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Mark Dvorak Ann Hassenpflug – Vice Chair Julie Hykes Shelly Keller - Secretary Chuck Kunsman Elizabeth Reilly
<b>INVITED GUESTS</b>	Andrew Henry Ralph Morrone

### Agenda topics

#### NEXT PROPOSED MEETING

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Meetings for the summer months were decided at the last meeting.
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	The summer meeting dates are from 8:15am – 9:15am in the Lincoln Building Third Floor Conference Room on the following dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>July 9, 2013 – Jim Tressel</li> <li>Aug 13, 2013 – Capital Planning and Facilities Management</li> </ul> Calendar invites were already sent to committee members.

## MINUTE APPROVAL

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Approval of the 5/14/13 minutes was requested.
<b>CONCLUSIONS</b>	Julie made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Ann seconded the motion and all were in favor.

## MEETING ITEMS

### General Discussion

- Shelly advised the committee that Jim Tressel will speak to our group at the July meeting and the Capital Planning and Facilities Management Group will speak at the August meeting.
- Ann inquired when the Building Tours will start back up and Shelly advised she will contact Jim Haskell for an update.

### Andrew Henry

#### Recycling & Special Services Superintendent Physical Facilities Operations Center

- Andy introduced himself and thanked the committee for having him.
- PFOC Recycling Program use handout. (See ATTACHMENT 6-11-13 Minutes Recycling for a copy of the presentation)
- Blue + Yellow = Green UA Recycling logo
- Andy was asked - How do you do the education? He replied it is tricky – they have enlisted the help of IMG (UA's Ticketing Marking Group) for one initiative to help educate the general public. Labeling helps and makes it almost difficult to mess up. Different recycling containers are placed the in buildings. Andy advised they are in a transition period; it is a work in progress to get everyone to co-mingle recycling.
- General Campus - Res Life does include Recycling info in their orientation and on their media boards for basics on education. Everyone across campus was doing everything a little bit different.
- Campus events - competitions - huge education opportunity.
- Compostables – Student Union is using this. Andy advised they made the commitment to switch from Styrofoam to degradables. He explained some of the debris and scraps plans they have are for the future. It was advised that whatever you can do to have a process in place once the students come back in the fall would be beneficial for the students to be on board with Recycling.
- Ralph added that about 4-5 months ago, they tried to come up with ideas of composting ourselves with grants and joint ventures. We pay more to compost; we could do it ourselves, create revenue and then sell to public.
- Ton of student groups that need volunteer hours.
- New Student Orientation could include talking to Faculty Senate about Recycling- faculty can add it to the first day of class, advising where Recycling bins are etc.
- SASWMA's (Summit/Akron Solid Waste Management Authority) ending of grants forced us to go to Rosby's for composting.
- All glass and plastics are added to the comingled recycling.
- Adding organics did wonders for our numbers.
- Due to our purchasing habits - less things purchased, lowered our recycling numbers. Double sided printing has reduced paper as one example.
- Question was asked if we recycle electronics. - Central Stores handles those.
- Recyclemania - most notable competition we are involved with. We seem to finish mid stream.
- Won two grants from Alcoa due to our involvement with Recyclemania.
- One Shirt Competition - collegian clothing drive. Plant Aid takes clothing and sells it in bulk to any organization. Some buyers for Plant Aid are worldwide. Unlike Salvation Army/Goodwill will resell in their retail stores. Elizabeth would love to see us on the Front Page of the UA Website. Andy advised they have enlisted IMG for that kind of marketing.
- The Recycling Department assisted in the car seat and helmet check with the Child Development at the University of Akron.
- In the latest presentation they gave to the library they followed cardboard to see how it is recycled.
- PFOC helps with Move In to help new students with their recyclables once they move in and unpack. They promote saving their containers to repack in the box or use the plastic containers.
- Game Day Challenge -Recycling exceeded their departmental goal and finished 7th in nation. For game day UA does single stream recycling and enlisted recycling ambassadors to help patrons decide what containers their trash goes in.
- Some of IMG plans are to use wrapping as advertising billboard – One idea given by the committee is to paint pathways to recycling bins to lead them to the bins at ICS.
- There are 6 Home football games this year. UA Recycling would like to have presence at all those games.
- Working on incentives now.
- Andy showed the committee the Camelbak Bottles that they give to students. The committee members asked the cost and they are around \$14 each, it costs money to promote. Funding is the biggest drawback.

- Mark asked if there has there been a push to get a Green Akron Tab. Do we have a shoe drive? Andy advised with the collegian drive accepts all clothes.
- We are always making sure bins are properly labeled.
- Ann asked if there are plans for community collections. Ralph advised that the Reuse program might be able to take them.
- Ziptember Jamboree - 9000 students pass through this, one of our biggest events to have a presence at.
- One issue if we got a composting here on site is that we as a grounds crew can only use 10%. Community gardens and local farmers might be able to use some. Trying to be a good neighbor, how do we man it, how do we use students? Could be revenue producing.
- Andy thanked everyone for their time.

**Wrap Up:**

- Chuck made a motion to adjourn and Julie seconded the motion.