

RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING OF AUGUST 9, 2010

ATTENDEES:

10 Y: Liz McGroarty (recorder), Bill Restivo, Margaret Evered, Pat MacCulloch, Ashok Rao, Steve Fry; 10 QQ :Theresa Thompson

UPDATE ON PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) Committee membership: Welcome to new members Margaret Evered, and Theresa Thompson (our only 10 QQ rep)
- 2) Measuring results: sample from other condo shown and discussed. Liz to get numbers from management office and make up poster to report progress to Board and residents.
- 3) Outdoor garbage area:
 - a. monitoring –the cameras have been repaired, but it takes too long for security personnel to get to area and apprehend illegal dumping;
 - b. fencing – the design contractors are busy with other curtain wall issues and will do this design next
- 4) Green Bin program: City has sent information which says program is mandatory, but opting in is voluntary right now, with conditions for opting in. Property Manager has requested face to face meeting to be able to estimate costs of doing the program. Committee discussed ways other condos are managing this. Property Manager will seek advice from Brookfield.
- 5) Garage recycle containers: concerns about Building Code requirements are holding up purchase of these; Liz to provide Property Manager with research findings from Building Code, Fire Code and municipal standards.(done) Committee still recommends all containers be removed and only placed at elevator entrances and car wash in the garage, to force use. Can provide elevator notice when containers arrive.
- 6) Common plaza area: to be redesigned in the near future; no action on recommendations
- 7) Electronic waste: no word from the city on the promised container. Liz to pursue again.
- 8) Communication: Welcome Package has been reviewed and changes submitted to Management office. Bill requesting printout to review again (done)
- 9) Communication in garbage chute rooms: (change of name to “refuse rooms” as on door): New City posters awaited; already posted on our website for downloading by residents. Liz to check again.
- 10) Communication to residents:
 - a. Best posters are simple ones as elevator monitors go too quickly to read more; e.g.recycle everything but.....
 - b. Ideas for future posters: re grease saving and disposal, taking plastic off flyers in mail room, orange drop program: take HHW where?
 - c. Liz to forward posters from 10 Y elevator monitors to Theresa for paper posters for 10 QQ until elevator monitors installed.(done)

NEW DISCUSSION:

- 1) Orange Drop program: Bill Restivo gave out orange drop bags to committee to encourage collection of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)
- 2) Composting for balconies: Margaret is successfully growing plants and food on balcony, composting small amounts for own needs and willing to show others how to do this, next spring.
- 3) Until the Green Bin program is underway, can we recommend residents who wish to compost take their compostables elsewhere? Committee members to research community gardens compost sites who would accept contributions.
- 4) Outdoor garbage collection area: no signs are posted to prohibit illegal dumping – management office has been informed.
- 5) Demonstration of recyclables: Committee members recommend a demonstration table in the Mail Room or on the second floor which would show which products are recyclable and which are garbage; committee volunteer needed to take charge of this.
- 6) Energy audit: Theresa and Ashok presented ideas from the audit and wished to know if the recycling committee would like to be involved in communication to residents about sections of the audit that are relatively easy to achieve. The committee would consider this along with a name change (Green Team was rejected as being overused; committee members to be creative and suggest a new name which reflects a greater purpose than ‘recycling’)
 - a. Time of Day energy costs the first to be communicated. Ashok to send all members the Hydro references (done) and Liz to make a poster.
 - b. Lighting in suites – Boards considering set up of a model suite with lighting design samples.
 - c. Tap, toilet and appliance exchange – the committee members believe making it easy for residents to change these by providing samples and a list of contractors, or one contractor with ‘deals’, would spur this on.
 - d. Programmable thermostats would be very welcome.
 - e. Leaky windows allowing wind in can be solved with plastic coverings from Home Depot; one member thought that window company did not use proper industrial hygiene tools to find leaks when a complaint was made.
 - f. Outlets on outside walls can be foam filled and plugged with childproof plugs to lessen incoming air.

NEXT MEETING: date to be decided, dependent on information obtained or work to be done