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Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2013

- Call to order by Terri Price, VP.
- Recognition of new members and guests. Jan Satcher is new to the neighborhood, on Craig.
- Terri found a timid, gray and white cat with collar. Contact her if you know where he lives.
- The December 2012 meeting minutes were provided for review. The minutes were approved.
- The Treasurer's report was submitted by George Grogan for review. He reminded everyone to renew if needed.
- Officer Tumlin from Forest Acres was present. She reminder everyone to lock cars. A car was stolen at Richland Mall around Christmas.

Presentation

- Our speaker was Tiffany Jaspers, City of Columbia recycling coordinator.
- The Columbia has one of the most advanced recycling programs in the state.
- Biggest change is that Columbia is now taking phone books at the curb for recycling.
- Columbia **does not** take: plastic bags (they clog machines), Styrofoam, wrappers, food scraps, tissues, ceramics, blue glass, bound books.
- Things Columbia **does take**: laundry baskets, metals, all cartons and yogurt containers, paperboard, mixed things (like cardboard and metal), lids, egg cartons (plastic or paper), magazines, post it notes, wrapping paper, cardboard, anything that can be torn (paper) can be taken, even the plastic windows in envelopes. They take all junk mail, even if perfumed. They take shredded paper, but it needs to be bagged (best in white or clear bag so they can see it). They take brown, green, and clear glass. If food can be packed in it, we take it. Take all milk cartons, all juice and juice boxes (but not Capri Sun).
- Columbia takes all batteries, CFL bulbs, and all electronics at the drop off center (public works building off Harden St).
- Can also drop off cooking oil. One truck runs off biodiesel.
- Used motor oil can go to Richland County or can be taken Autozone, Wal-Mart, etc. and get a credit.
- Counties also offer electronic recycling events.
- Don't combine yard debris and cardboard.
- Paint does not go into the waste stream. You can fill it with cat litter, donate to Habitat for Humanity, or let the paint harden and throw it away. If all paint is out of can, they will take the can for recycling.
- Columbia will have an updated website soon.
- If you live in Forest Acres- get a hold of your recycling coordinator, because they use the same vendor and can take all the same things that Columbia takes. Richland County takes same stuff too.
- Columbia is going to larger bins (64 gallon) roll carts. The new bins will be phased in over 5 years.
- If you have more recyclables than fit, it is okay to bag it and set it next to your recycling bin.
- Tiffany Jaspers can be reached at 545-3803.

Old Business

- Terri Price offered to hold a rain barrel making workshop and will send an email out to the group.

New Business

- We will hold elections at the next meeting. If you are interested in being an officer, please let us know.

The next meeting is April 18, 2013. Our speaker will be from the Gills Creek Watershed Association.