Meeting Summary
Solid Waste Advisory Committee
February 12, 2019
8:30 am – 10:00 am

Present:
John Blessing, Waste Management
Tom Coffman, WCA
Steve Fishman
Cassandra Ford, Bridging The Gap
Michelle Goth, Ripple Glass
Lydia Gibson, Ripple Glass
Nadja Karpilow, MARC SWMD
Sarah Luebe, Ripple Glass
Lisa McDaniel, MARC SWMD
Matt Riggs, MARC SWMD
Kristin Riott, Bridging The Gap
Stan Slaughter, Missouri Organic Recycling

After introductions, Nadja shared with the group the nine projects that were awarded for 2019.

Lisa gave a brief explanation of MORA’s mapping project. This is an attempt to learn who the manufacturers are in the Kansas City area and to determine what materials they use. There may be potential for supplying local manufacturers with local recycled material.

Nadja explained that a second call for grants with 2019 funds is in process.

Nadja described the mini-grants that were awarded in 2018.

The group reviewed the 2019 Priorities and decided to keep the same priorities for 2020 with a few changes in the language.

- It was suggested that market development be added to the Organics Management category.
- It was suggested that the waste reduction of plastics be emphasized in the Waste Reduction and Reuse category. Also suggested for this category was to include waste exchanges as an example of waste reduction.
- It was suggested that the complete life cycle of recycling be added as a specific educational lesson for the Education category.

Staff will revise the priorities and present to the Executive Board at the March board meeting for their final input and approval.

Other items of discussion included carpet recycling, the lack of markets for rigid plastics, zero waste zones, the Green Dining Alliance in St. Louis expanding to Kansas City; televisions was the most searched material on Recyclespot in 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 am