

**City Of Shelton, Anti-Litter Committee**  
**Minutes for the Meeting of October 24, 2012 at 7:00 PM**  
**Shelton City Hall, Auditorium**

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**1. Call to order /Pledge of Allegiance**

The meeting was called to order at 7:13pm by Chairman Gil Pastore.

**2. Roll call**

**The members present were:**

Gil Pastore  
Teresa Gallagher  
Ron Pilkowicz  
Mike Clay  
Ingrid Waters  
Teresa Cassone-Glick

**3. Public Portion**

No one from the public was present.

**4. Approval of the August minutes.**

Ron Pilkowicz made a motion to approve the August minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Ingrid Waters. All were in favor.

**5. Update for Adopt-A-Street**

- Signs are going up slowly
- There was discussion about putting ads about Adopt-A-Street in the local papers like the Huntington Herald, Valley Sentinel, Shelton Patch and Shelton Life.
- Shelton Life wants to do an article on the Anti-litter Committee. An updated picture will be needed.
- There has been no new interest in Adopt-A-Street.
- We should contact the companies for a yearly bag count. It shouldn't be required but it should be recommended. Maybe it could be done in an online form?

**6. Shelton Clean Sweep 2013 planning**

- Clean Sweep will be held Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> through Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> of April.
- New signs are needed. No dates should be printed on them so that they can be reused. They need to be sturdier than the last signs.
- There was discussion about what should be put on the signs, what style and what material they should be made of.
- There was discussion about purchasing 100 signs.
- There should be an article put into Shelton Life.
- Supplies like bags and gloves are needed.
- There was discussion about how the online spreadsheet could be improved on to make more user friendly for all.
- Teresa will design a patch for the event.

## **7. Set 2013 meeting dates**

A motion was made by Teresa Gallagher to accept the list of meeting dates for 2013. The motion was seconded by Ron Pilkowicz. All were in favor.

## **8. Comments by members**

### **Phone Books:**

- Gil met with the people that would be distributing the phone books in Shelton. There is concern that the distribution companies won't be able to comply with the new regulations.
- Gil told them that they needed to deliver the books to the doorsteps.
- An article was run in the Huntington Herald giving people instructions on how to "opt out" of receiving the phone book.
- The people distributing the books will go back and retrieve any phone books that aren't picked up.
- They get one week to go back and pick up the unwanted books. Complying with this timeline would avoid a \$250.00 per book fine.
- The first set of books will be distributed on 11/14/12. The Yellow Books will go out between 1/24/13 and 2/14/13.

### **Balloons on Trails:**

- Balloon litter is found just about everywhere, including on Shelton's scenic trails.
- Mylar balloons don't biodegrade.
- Latex balloons will break down in the environment but they take a very long time.
- Birds use balloon litter for nesting material and many chicks are hung by the strings attached to the balloon.
- Some animals confuse balloons for their food source, eat the balloon litter, and die.
- Maybe the Committee can look into stopping free balloon giveaways at Shelton Days.

### **Plastic Shopping Bags:**

- Plastic shopping bags are all over. They get into streams and can be found as litter all over. Stop and Shop has an area to recycle the plastic bags.

### **Next Meeting:**

- Please double check that next month's meeting doesn't conflict with Thanksgiving. It does not.

## **9. Adjournment – Next Meeting November 28, 2012**

A motion to adjourn was made by Teresa Gallagher. The motion was seconded by Mike Clay. All were in favor.