

**BREVARD COUNTY
RECYCLING CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Date and Time: April 17, 2003, 1:00pm (EST)

Location: Brevard County Solid Waste Conference Room, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way Bldg. A, 1st Floor.

Members Present: Hillary Arena, Vince Benevente, Brian Blenis, Bette Danse, Bonnie DeCaro, George Geletko, Patty Goffinet, Mike Shaffer, Amy Tidd

Members Absent: Jim McMenamy, Ed Palmer, Craig Yoder

Staff: Rita Perini-Higgins, Mary Kane, Erin LeClair, Steve Nataline, Steve Pepper, Euripides Rodriguez, Pam Shoemaker

Guests: J.J. Findlay, J.P. McMenamy, Victor Storelli R.A.A.

Minute Taker: Thomas Watson

Quorum Present: (X) Yes () No

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| Call To Order | Bette Danse called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., (EST). Ms. Danse called the roll of all members present for the meeting. |
| Approval Of Minutes | Ms. Danse began discussion of the April 3, 2003 RCAC minutes. Minor corrections were performed to grammar, spelling, and specific incorrect points. Ms. Danse suggested that the minutes be completed in a summarized form. |
| Action | <i>Ms. Arena motioned that the amended minutes be approved. Ms. Tidd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</i> |
| New Business | Presentations were given by members of the committee and experts in recycling to explain their knowledge regarding recycling and the business aspects of it. |
| <i>Brian Blenis,
School Engineer</i> | A presentation was given on the policies of recycling and energy conservation held by the School Board. Mr. Blenis provided a handout which showed the recycling being performed by the different schools, the items that they recycle, and the cost of recycling for the schools (copies were disturbed <u>distributed</u> to all committee members and guests.) |
| <i>General Discussion</i> | A general discussion began about the effectiveness of a recycling program on the amount of savings a school could possibly generate. Ms. Danse provided a calendar showing different |

important dates that she wanted the committee to be aware of and a handout showing some concerns that were brought up to her (copies were distributed to committee members and guests.) Ms. Arena suggested that they form a subcommittee to work on school recycling. The committee discussed the possibility but decided to postpone any action at the present time and continue on with the presentations.

*George Geletko,
Victor Storelli, RAA
Waste Management*

Mr. Geletko opened the presentation stating that recycling is a commodity business based upon supply and demand. Waste Management's recycling "arm" is Recycle America Alliance, which is considered the largest recycling company in the world. Mr. Geletko introduced Victor Storelli, with Recycle America Alliance who explained to the committee the markets, commodities, and trends over the last five years with a PowerPoint presentation (copies were distributed to committee members and guests.) Mr. Storelli went on to explain that generally the cost of processing recyclables compared to the revenue generated by the selling of the recyclables doesn't cover the operating costs. Also, the fact consumers are not near to the material adds to the cost with shipping fees. Mr. Storelli stated everyone in the recycling process needs to work together to ensure that the recycling process is feasible.

General Discussion

After Mr. Storelli's presentation, the committee spoke about what could be done to better help with recycling and asked for Mr. Storelli's opinion on what should be done regarding working with the cities and/or the County Commission to improve recycling to keep it from being a negative costing system. The committee continued discussion on the percentage of recycling items, curbside service inconsistencies within the different municipalities, and the balance between increasing recycling services and the financial obligations of the recycling companies.

Action:

At 2:10pm (EST) Ms. Danse recessed the meeting. The meeting resumed at 2:25pm (EST).

*J.P. McMenemy
East Coast Paperstock*

J.P. McMenemy, explained the commercial recycling that East Paperstock provides, including baler and compactor services, the commercial paper pick-ups, and the drop off locations that they also provide and serve.

General Discussion

After Mr. McMenemy's presentation the committee discussed the large amount of recycling that is being done which isn't seen and the amounts in tonnage that are being recycled. The committee then talked about the required 30% recycling goal set by State

legislature; they also discussed a new law which requires all private documents be shredded by companies. The committee touched upon the idea of enacting a requirement that business must sign a form stating that they would conduct recycling in order to receive their occupational license.

*J. J. Findlay
SP Recycling Corp*

Mr. Findlay gave a presentation informing the committee about the 100% recycled paper mill that SP Newsprint runs and how the quality of the product depends upon the quality of the recycled materials.

Discussion

The committee began discussion on school recycling, and on the different recycling activities going on throughout the County.

Next Meeting

Ms. Danse motioned that the next meeting be held from 1p.m. (EST) to 3 p.m. (EST) in two weeks (1 May 2003). The motion passed unanimously.

Action

Mr. Blenis motioned for the committee to write a letter asking for teachers Tom Stewart and Robert Bellamy to be allowed to speak at the next meeting. Ms. Arena seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Shaffer motioned to amend the motion to add that the chairperson signs the letter. Mr. Benevente seconded the amended motion. The amended motion passed unanimously.

The committee continued discussions about the legality of trying to place a requirement to have recycling for all business in order to obtain their occupational licenses. The committee also discussed what benefits and/or incentives could be given to businesses if they decide to begin recycling.

Mr. Peffer suggested a public discussion section be placed on the agenda. Ms. Danse asked if there was any public discussion to take place. There was none.

Adjourn

Action

Ms. Arena motioned for the meeting to adjourn. Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m. (EST)

*RCAC Minute Taker
Thomas Watson*

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