

**BREVARD COUNTY
RECYCLING CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

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

Members Present: Hillary Arena, Brian Blenis, Bette Danse, Bonnie DeCaro, Patty Goffinet, Mike Shaffer, Amy Tidd, Craig Yoder

Members Absent: Vince Benevente, George Geletko, Jim McMenemy, Ed Palmer

Staff: Mary Kane, Erin LeClair, Steve Nataline, Steve Peffer, Euripides Rodriguez, Pam Shoemaker

Guests: Steve Langenfelder, Larry Weber

Minute Taker: Thomas Watson

Quorum Present: (X) Yes () No

Call To Order

Bette Danse called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m., (EST). Ms. Danse called the roll of all members present for the meeting.

Approval Of Minutes

Ms. Danse suggested that the committee postpone the approval and discussion of the April 17, 2003 RCAC minutes until the next meeting.

Action

Ms. Tidd motioned that the minute approval be postponed to the next meeting. Ms. Arena seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Presentations that were not given by members of the committee during the last meeting were conducted.

*Craig Yoder,
Progressive Recycling*

A presentation was given on the history of Progressive Recycling. Mr. Yoder discussed the change in market wholesale value affecting the business aspect of recycling. He explained the challenges facing recycling companies to maintain profits to continue recycling versus the loss of the markets in Florida for the recyclable items. He added that education and motivating interest would help increase participation in recycling. Also, the industry needs support from federal government to ensure its continued promotion as well as from the state level.

General Discussion

A general discussion began on what could be done to increase recycling, that education is vital to the continued existence of recycling, and to what extent the County does participate in recycling. Mr. Shaffer said technology has been slowly improving the quality of recycling. He and Ms. Tidd mentioned the need to reduce hazardous waste pollution such as power plant ash. He suggested the committee contact Florida Today to help investigate. There was a discussion regarding using glass for road asphalt (glassphalt) as well as daily landfill cover. The process of commingling was discussed, whereby a single stream recycling collection mixes recyclables together instead of items having to be separated. Commingling increases recycling tonnage, but there are concerns about contamination. Mr. Yoder said education would really help with curbside commingling.

Action

Ms. Danse called the meeting to recess at 2:01 p.m. (EST.) The meeting was called back into session at 2:13 p.m. (EST.)

New Business

*Euripides Rodriguez,
Solid Waste Management
Department*

Mr. Rodriguez answered questions brought to him from the last meeting. He explained the individual calculations that businesses are assessed by the County for their disposal charges are fairer and make them more aware of costs of throwing things away. He discussed the benefits that businesses receive for participating in recycling. Ms. Arena said financial incentives were needed, especially for restaurants and bars. She also mentioned that about 150 tons per month were recycled in Titusville. Ms. Shoemaker said she would have handouts for the amounts recycled per day at each facility for the next meeting. Mr. Rodriguez also answered questions about tonnage entering the landfill and the need for compactors. He mentioned monies in escrow for landfill closure and noted a bioreactor landfill is an option in 2014.

*Tom Stewart,
Environmental Science
Rockledge High School*

Mr. Stewart explained the history of his recycling program and its current operation. He talked about the wonderful team of students in his environmental science class and their awards and achievements in recycling. They use bins for white paper and plastic bottles and designated cardboard boxes for newspaper and phone book recycling. Mr. Stewart provided his insight to the committee on what could be done to start recycling programs in other schools and said he would attend a school board meeting with Ms. Danse and other committee members to discuss a school wide recycling program.

General Discussion

The committee discussed what could be done to promote recycling instead of waste as it pertained specifically to the cafeteria, such as using recycling bins in the lunchrooms and replacing the styrofoam lunch trays.

Brian Blenis for Robert Bellamy, Port Malabar Elementary School

Mr. Blenis distributed a hand out that Robert Bellamy provided for the committee about his recycling program at Port Malabar Elementary School.

Discussion

The committee discussed recycling programs and events in the County. Phone books are being recycled through May 30. Office Depot is giving out one ream of recycled paper for one inkjet cartridge of any kind per visit through September. Ms. Shoemaker discussed the workshop she attended in Orlando regarding Environment Preferred Procurement through the EPA.

Public Comments

Ms. Shoemaker received an e-mail from Joan Justin-Mahoney concerning an issue with the Friend's of the Melbourne Library book sale. Ms. Shoemaker recommended that the committee refer the e-mail to the library since she said it is a library book sale issue, not a recycling one.

Next Meeting

Action

Ms. Arena motioned that the committee meet in two weeks (May 15, 2003) from 1 p.m. (EST) to 3 p.m. (EST) in the same location. The committee voted unanimously.

Adjourn

Action

Ms. Danse adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m. (EST)

*RCAC Minute Taker
Thomas Watson*

Minutes Approved On _____