

**BREVARD COUNTY  
RECYCLING CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Date and Time:** June 16, 2005 10:00 AM

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

**Members Present:** Dave Austin, Brian Blenis, Curtis Byrd, Bette Danse, Bonnie DeCaro, George Geletko, Bill Nichols, Mike Shaffer, Pam Shoemaker, Amy Tidd, Roger Travis, Jennifer Wilster

**Members Absent:** Georgia Phillips, Craig Yoder

**Staff:** Mary Kane

**Guests:** Phil Danse, Virginia Gaylor, Dean Sizemore, Yvette Torres

**Minute Taker:** Mandy Guppenberger

**Quorum Present:** (X) Yes ( ) No

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**Call to Order** Pam Shoemaker called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Ms. Shoemaker called the roll.

**Discussion – IV.  
Elect Chair & Vice-Chair** The committee discussed nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair. Ms. DeCaro nominated Ms. Danse and Mr. Blenis nominated Ms. Tidd for Chair. Ms. Danse accepted the nomination and Ms. Tidd requested a nomination for someone from the League of Cities. Mr. Nichols, Mr. Byrd and Ms. Wilster declined the nomination.

Ms. Danse gave a brief overview of why she should be nominated as Chair. Ms. Tidd declined her nomination but said she would be interested in pulling in more participation from the League of Cities. Ms. Wilster asked Ms. Tidd if she would consider being Vice-Chair. Ms. Tidd stated she would accept. Ms. Shoemaker called for a vote for chair. She asked for a show of hands from the voting members to elect Ms. Danse. There was a vote of seven (7) for Ms. Danse. There was a vote of three (3) for Ms. Tidd. Ms. Shoemaker announced Ms. Danse as the Chair.

Ms. Shoemaker asked for nominations for Vice-Chair. Mr. Shaffer nominated Ms. Tidd. Ms. Danse nominated Ms. DeCaro. Both accepted the nominations. Ms. DeCaro gave a brief overview of why she should be nominated as Vice-Chair. Ms. Shoemaker called for a vote and asked for a show of hands. There was a vote of five (5) for Ms. Tidd. There was a vote of two (2) for Ms. DeCaro. Ms. Shoemaker announced Ms. Tidd as the Vice-Chair. At that time Ms. Shoemaker turned the meeting over to Ms. Danse.

## **Approval of Minutes**

### **Action**

*The committee discussed the approval of the May 18, 2005 minutes. Mr. Shaffer moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Nichols seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.*

### **Discussion – VI. Unfinished Business**

A. Ms. Danse stated that she had spoken to Larry Henshaw with the Brevard County School System about changing over from 20 oz. plastic containers to 12 oz. aluminum cans. Ms. Danse stated that Mr. Henshaw said the committee should send a letter to the School Board requesting the change. Mr. Blenis stated that he had contacted Mr. Degutis and the cans are still an option, nothing has been finalized. Mr. Blenis stated that the contract would be up for approval at the School Board's July 19, 2005 meeting.

### **Action**

*Ms. DeCaro moved to have the Solid Waste Department send an Agenda Report to the Board of County Commissioners requesting that they write a letter to the School Board in support of switching to aluminum cans in the school vending machines. Mr. Nichols seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.*

B. Ms. Shoemaker distributed copies of the County Department Recycling Report. The Library Services Department has no additional locations for recycling containers. Posters advertising the bins on library premises have been distributed. Also, Roger Travis, SP Recycling, has added additional recycling signage to the bins.

Ms. DeCaro asked if recycle bins could be placed at the Melbourne Auditorium since there was no space available at the Melbourne Library. Ms. Shoemaker stated that the issue would have to be brought to the City of Melbourne. Ms. Shoemaker asked Ms. Wilster if she would look into finding a possible location close to the library for a recycle container.

The Facilities Maintenance Director informed Ms. Shoemaker that, at this time, he does not have staff available to increase recycling efforts at any county facility.

Steve Stultz, Purchasing Department Director reported that there has been no change in Purchasing since he reported to the committee last fall. Ms. Danse asked if the committee could get a report from Purchasing before reporting to the

Board in February. Ms. Shoemaker stated she would talk to Mr. Stultz.

C. Mr. Travis provided statistical reports at the last meeting.

D. Pam reported that the department has established guidelines and procedures for a speaker's bureau. She noted that letters would be sent out next month to the list of organizations that Ms. Danse provided for her, offering them the opportunity to have a speaker from the department. At this time, there are no requests for speakers. Ms. Shoemaker stated that if anyone is interested in volunteering for the speaker's bureau to please get with her for training.

E. Ms. Danse distributed and reviewed the report she presented to the Board of County Commissioners in September 2003.

Ms. Shoemaker gave a brief overview of the Sunshine Law for the new committee members that were not at the previous meeting.

Ms. Tidd requested that the committee discuss cardboard recycling at the next meeting. She also asked about the City of Cocoa and the Solid Waste Department working together to reach out to residents about recycling by using the city's water bill mailings. Ms. Shoemaker stated that the department is looking into it and finding out what the guidelines are about inserts. She stated she would need to do more research on the cost and talk more with the cities to see if they want to participate with the department and splitting the costs.

**Discussion – VII.  
New Business**

Ms. Danse asked Ms. Shoemaker if she would make a list of potentially new recycling technologies to discuss at the August meeting. Ms. Shoemaker stated she would work on a report.

Mr. Byrd asked about doing public announcements on recycling over the radio. Ms. Shoemaker stated that she has done two radio announcements on the Space Coast Chronicles.

Ms. Tidd suggested doing some kind of a contest between the county and the cities to see which agency can increase their recycling participation the most. This contest could be associated with the flyer inserts in the utility bill mailings. Ms. Danse suggested putting this issue on the agenda for the August meeting.

Mr. Nichols asked about the recycled content language that is included in the contracts throughout the municipalities within the county (Green Procurement Policy). He inquired if anyone knows for sure if the language is in the governmental bid contracts when they go out. Mr. Nichols stated that he believes there would be positive feedback if other governmental agencies throughout the county were contacted and provided the language and asked if they would consider inserting it into their bid contracts. Ms. Tidd suggested having the County send a letter to all the municipalities.

**Action**

*Ms. Tidd moved to request that the Board of County Commissioners send a letter to the municipalities in the county, encouraging them to have a Green Procurement Policy, if they do not already have one in place. Ms. DeCaro seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.*

Ms. Danse asked the committee to select a date for the November meeting. She suggested November 3, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. and asked for a show of hands for approval. All in favor, no one opposed.

**Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting will be held August 11, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in the Solid Waste Management Conference Room with an alternate date of August 25, 2005.

**Adjourn**

**Action**

*Ms. DeCaro moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.*

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*Bette Danse  
Chairperson*

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*Mandy Guppenberger  
RCAC Minute Taker*

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*Minutes Approved*