

**BREVARD COUNTY  
RECYCLING CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Date and Time:** July 31, 2003, 1 PM

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

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

**Members Absent:** George Geletko, Jim McMenemy, Ed Palmer

**Staff:** Mary Kane, Steve Nataline, Steve Peffer, Euri Rodriguez

**Guests:** Phil Danse, J. J. Findlay

**Minute Taker:** Mandy Guppenberger

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

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**Call to Order** Bette Danse called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM. Ms. Danse called the roll.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Action** *The committee discussed the approval of the July 10, 2003, RCAC Minutes. Ms. Arena motioned to approve the minutes; Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.*

**Discussion**

Ms. Danse discussed the National Beverage Producer Responsibility Act of 2003, a bill that calls for ten cent deposit nationwide on all recyclable bottles, and support may be emailed to legislators.

She also went over recycling styrofoam trays at Publix. As long as the trays are clean, Publix will accept them. Ms. Danse also mentioned squishing plastic bottles when you put them out for recycling. By squishing the bottles, they won't fly out of the trucks. Mr. Findlay noted that it would also increase the volume in the trucks.

Ms. Danse discussed the School Board handout on refuse and recycling costs, which amount to almost a million dollars.

Ms. Shoemaker went over information she received on the cost of advertising. As an example, she got information from the Director of the Space Coast Area Transit Department on how much it costs for advertising on the buses. She stated it costs \$1200 a month to advertise on them. Ms. Shoemaker also mentioned that the Solid Waste Department has been looking into different ways of advertising recycling. Ms. Tidd mentioned advertising in some of the smaller local papers.

Mr. Shaffer asked how new county residents would be informed about recycling. Ms. Shoemaker responded that the Property Appraiser has the new deed information, they would have to download the information, print out a report, and the Solid Waste Department would have to pay \$50 a month to obtain the information. Ms. Shoemaker also handed out information on how much the entire process would cost.

Ms. Goffinet talked about information she received from the EPA and the Florida Department of Transportation on using glass cullet for road base course. She said she would get more information on the subject for the next meeting. Ms. Danse asked if the committee wanted to put it down as a recommendation, which could be modified if necessary at the next meeting.

**Action**

*Ms. Goffinet motioned to recommend that the county investigate the use of glass cullet in road base course in construction of county roads and pathways. Ms. Danse asked for show of hands in favor. The vote passed. Mr. Blenis opposed.*

Ms. Danse asked the committee if everyone was in favor of keeping the RCAC committee. The composition of the RCAC was discussed, such as having different members and meetings held on a quarterly basis.

It was decided not to vote on extending the committee sunset conditional on the cost analysis information.

**Discussion**

The committee discussed the (incomplete) Proposed Recommendation List. The final list by the end of the meeting is as follows:

1. Distribute a recycling information flyer to county residents every two (2) years.
2. Increase advertising for recycling in the Solid Waste Management Department budget to increase public awareness of recycling.
3. Request the School Board of Brevard County, Florida, initiate a recycling program at all school facilities. This program should focus on recycling white paper products at all school facilities and recycling beverage containers at all secondary school facilities. There is no cost impact to the Board of County Commissioners.
4. Collect all plastic bottles and steel cans curbside.
5. Place recycling bins and/or reuse tables for magazines in libraries.
6. Recommend Green Procurement Policies (purchase recycled content products) in all county facilities.
7. Recycle office paper in all county facilities.
8. Convert all solid waste commercial accounts to individual calculation within three (3) years.
9. Initiate a mandatory recycling program for commercial properties.
10. Support the Solid Waste Management Department's initiative to charge a tipping fee for all commercial construction and demolition (C&D) debris (excluding roofing materials).
11. Charge a lesser fee for clean, presorted concrete C&D debris to be crushed and reused.
12. Investigate establishing manned reuse centers at the landfills.
13. Investigate use of glass cullet in road base course in construction of county roads and pathways.
14. Recommend the RCAC conduct an annual assessment of Brevard County recycling.

The committee discussed the recommendations for the August 26 commission meeting and noted that some changes may still be made. It was decided to continue the discussion once the cost analysis information was presented at the next meeting.

**Action**

*Ms. Danse stated the next meeting would be held on August 14, 2003, 1-4 PM.*

**Adjourn**

**Action**

*Ms. Danse adjourned the meeting at 3:35 PM.*

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*Bette Danse  
Chairperson*

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*Mandy Guppenberger  
RCAC Minute Taker*

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*Minutes Approved*