

**BREVARD COUNTY
RECYCLING CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Date and Time: August 11, 2005 10:00 AM

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

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

Members Absent: George Geletko, Georgia Phillips, Roger Travis, Craig Yoder

Staff: Erin LeClair

Guests: Phil Danse, Virginia Gaylor, Yvette Torres

Minute Taker: Mandy Guppenberger

Quorum Present: (X) Yes () No

Call to Order Bette Danse called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Ms. Danse called the roll.

Approval of Minutes

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

**Discussion
Announcements**

Ms. Shoemaker reported on the rate increase notice that was sent out by the Solid Waste Department. She stated that on August 1, 2005, 100,000 legal notices were sent to unincorporated Brevard County and 130,000 notices were sent to the incorporated areas of the county. The department's recycle flyer was included with the notices sent to the unincorporated areas. Ms. Shoemaker stated that as a result of the mailing 500 recycle bins have been requested.

Ms. Danse reported on the beverage recycling containers that were placed throughout the Government Center and the Moore Justice Center. The county's Facilities Management Department removed all the containers. Ms. Shoemaker stated that the Solid Waste Department has purchased new bins for recycling and they will be placed back in the county complex. The bins will be blue, 26 gallon plastic containers.

Ms. Danse reported on the Pepsi contract with the School Board. The contract will be discussed on August 23, 2005.

Ms. Danse distributed information on the Sunshine Law

provided to her from the State of Florida Office of the Attorney General. She requested the information to clarify some issues with social events and inspection trips. Ms. Danse asked if any of the committee members would like to take a tour of the landfill. She asked for a show of hands for those who want to attend. Ms. Shoemaker stated that she could fit fourteen people into the van. The committee discussed what day to take the tour and Thursday, October 6 at 10:00 a.m. was decided as the tour day. Ms. Shoemaker stated that everyone could meet at Viera at 9:30 a.m. to ride over with her or they could meet up with her at the Operations building at the landfill.

Ms. Tidd distributed a flyer about a SP Recycling fundraiser for Volusia County.

Discussion
Unfinished Business

Ms. Shoemaker gave her report on county department recycling issues. She stated that in Library Services, there are no additional locations for recycling, but she is looking into having a container located at the South Mainland Library. Ms. Shoemaker stated that she had talked with someone from Parks & Recreation and it is possible that a recycle container could be placed at Cuyler Recreation Park in Mims.

Ms. Shoemaker stated that the county's Facilities Maintenance Department would be placing the plastic recycling containers for aluminum cans and plastic bottles back in the restrooms as soon as they arrive from the vendor. Ms. Danse mentioned a previous statement by Ms. Shoemaker regarding the Facilities Maintenance Department that per the Interim Director there is not enough staff to increase recycling efforts. Ms. Shoemaker stated that the committee could always make a recommendation that the can and bottle recycling program be expanded to other county buildings.

Action

Ms. Tidd moved to send a letter recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners requesting they increase beverage recycling containers in all county facilities. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Byrd asked Ms. Shoemaker if there were plans for drop off locations at county facilities for cardboard and paper recycling. Ms. Shoemaker stated that there are recycling containers for both at many of the county facilities including here at the government center.

Ms. Wilster stated that she had checked with the City of Melbourne's Park Administrator and he stated that there might be a location for a recycling container behind the auditorium over by the Library on Lake Street that is a parking overflow area. Ms. Shoemaker asked Ms. Wilster to email the information to her.

Ms. Shoemaker stated that she had spoken with Steve Stultz of the county's Purchasing Department and he stated that they encourage people to go with green procurement but they do not track it.

Ms. Shoemaker reported for Mr. Geletko that the bin delivery problems have been resolved. Just recently there were 270 bin requests in the north end of the county and 226 bin requests in the south end of the county. Ms. Shoemaker also noted that from 2003 to 2004 the recycling statistics in the unincorporated areas remain static as far as materials collected.

Ms. Danse discussed with the committee the previous proposal list items and stated the committee could discuss any previous item that may be of interest for a recommendation. The committee discussed item III. a. from the list – All parks maintain a beverage container bin to be manned by parks or by volunteers. Ms. Tidd stated that any county facility that sells cans or bottles should have a place to recycle them. Ms. Danse stated that the campgrounds have been successful with recycling and asked the committee if they would like to make a recommendation on this issue.

Action

Ms. Tidd moved to recommend that all county parks that sell beverages maintain an aluminum can beverage container bin to be maintained by the Parks & Recreation Department and/or by volunteers. Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Ms. DeCaro asked if the committee could also send a letter to the cities recommending that they also have beverage container recycling in the city parks.

Action

Mr. Shaffer moved to recommend that the Board of County Commissioners send a letter of request to the cities and towns asking them to initiate a recycling program for their parks. Ms. DeCaro seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

The committee decided to discuss the remainder of the proposals at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be held November 3, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in the Solid Waste Management Conference Room.

Adjourn

Action

Ms. DeCaro moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Bette Danse
Chairperson

Mandy Guppenberger
RCAC Minute Taker

Minutes Approved