

Recycling Committee Meeting January 3, 2007

Members Present

Craig Bello
Pat Atkins
Guyleene Ebersole

Sarah Ginsburg
Tami Sheena
Meg Healy

Non-voting Members Present

Todd Gross, Public Works Information Coordinator
Joe Keene, Director of Public Works
Steven Duque, Reporter, Southwest News

Communications

- Received a holiday card from Techs and Trainers, they do technology recycling
 - Located at 6020 Jessamine]
 - www.techsandtrainers.org
- The Bellaire Examiner published an article regarding tree recycling on December 27, 2006 written by Charlotte Aguilar
- The Southwest News published an article called *Give the Earth a Gift this Holiday Season: Recycle!* by Steven Duque on December 19, 2006.

Public Works

- Lots of trash and recyclables were collected due to the holiday season
- Tech and trainers need to be contacted so that Joe Keen can use the information they have on e-waste recycling in a report to the city
- Another 32 yard truck has been ordered, which save public works time and money
- They are looking at a company called, Living Earth Technology for possible yard waste recycling
- Public Works is attaching bright yellow cards on bins that are not being filled properly and therefore are not being picked up
 - Cards are full of information on both sides stating why the recycle bin was not picked up
- Household garbage has a 300 lb. Weight limit, which is equivalent to 30 lb. per bag

Committee Business

- Tami Sheena and Pat Atkins still need to watch the mandatory government video regarding special meeting

Curbside Recycling

- Approximately 25 t-shirts were ordered and they need to be distributed
 - Joe Keene is to organize the distribution of the t-shirts at a city council meeting
- State if the City Address is Feb. 5th
- Magnet postcards
 - Some addresses were wrong

- 300 more magnets will need to be ordered totaling \$200.00
- Have not been able to find a local vendor for can crushers
- Former BRC member Marie Anstead has shown an interest in helping the recycling work group with some small promotional items
- Replacement of bins was discussed at length
 - Some BRC members differed in opinion as to whether it was best to charge \$10.00 for every bin issued or to replace “stolen” bins for residents at no charge
- There were approximately 25 responses to the Sudoku puzzle that was sent out in the December 2006 Newsletter
- A draft of the video education presentation is almost ready

Household Hazardous Waste

- The City of Houston has hazardous waste vouchers that you can get off of their website

Newsletter

- Need to be completed by Mid-March
- Bids need to be completed by Mid-February
- Updated trash ordinances need to be updated and included
- An article regarding lawn bags could be included
 - Discussing where do people go if they need them and other uses for them

Education Events

- Opening day for baseball
- Camp signup
- Spring Fling
- Earth Day, 5k, water distribution - ?
 - Water bottle with BRC logo

Proud to Recycle

- Book cover distribution ideas
 - Distribute them through the recycling center
 - Private schools
 - Episcopal
 - Post Oak School
 - St. Thomas Episcopla
 - City of Houston Organization that gets used books from schools and redistributes them

Assisted Saturday

January, 6, 2007, 9:00 a.m. to noon

Next Meeting

Wednesday, February 7th, 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Sarah Ginsburg, Secretary