

Recycling Committee Minutes
March 1, 2006

Members present

Chris Sizemore
Gayle Davies
Meg Healy
Guyleene Ebersole

Pat Atkins
Patricia King-Ritter
Craig Bello
Marie Anstead

Non-voting Members Present

Joe Keene, Director of Public Works
David Ritz, Deputy Director of Public Works
Todd Gross, Public Works

Guests

Lynn McBee

Call to Order	Meeting called to order by Gayle Davies, Chair
Introductions	Introduction of all members and guests
Previous minutes	Will be reviewed and filed with city
Staff statements	Not available

Communication: The outcome of the meeting of Boards & Commissions with the Mayor and City Council last Saturday was discussed. The primary emphasis was on our need to present twice a year, directly instead of through our liaison, our goals and achievements.
Marie Anstead is a new member; Elaine Lange resigned due to overwork.

Curbside Recycling The educational program needs to be launched. Possibly will have an insert in the garbage bag delivery in April. Patricia will be talking to HGAC on March 16 about resources available on education for curbside recycling. HGAC also has grant funding coming up. Joe will ask City Council if we can apply. Patricia asked if education should be aimed at entire city initially since only one quadrant is first phase; Meg thinks we should educate city because first phase is June 1 and entire city is Aug. 1.

Lawn Trimming Craig asked about paper bags for lawn trimmings. Joe said next time, that the questions are who pays, who will be responsible for getting bags. Joe says paper bags will be opt out, so committee will have to ensure residents don't opt out. Meg thinks will work only if city won't pick up unless in paper bags and that citizens should be responsible for buying their own bags. About a million bags a year will be picked up. Craig asked if city pays \$6 for plastic bags and citizens pay \$2, what happens to \$4? Joe said garbage fees aren't raised because budget is less. If the city weren't trucking in and delivering bags, the environment would be better served.

Earth Day Meg said Earth Day this year will be at one site only, the Nature Discovery Center. The transportation has been obtained from VSPI to help alleviate traffic congestion. Help with food for the Friday Kick-Off Party is needed; also someone to help set up the Recycling Comm. Table. The next meeting will be Thursday, March 9 at the Nature Discovery Center.

Newsletter Craig wants articles on Earth Day, Citywide Garage Sale (4/15), update on curbside, Elaine's thank you to volunteers

Recycling Center The Center is outmoded and needs to be updated. There was discussion of the city's need for land for flood mitigation; perhaps the center could be dual use. If we lose the land, need to think about where else it could be located.

Assisted Pickup The next date will be February 4, 2006. Elaine will continue to help out on Saturday. After curbside is fully implemented, assisted Saturday will probably cease.

Planning meeting Our annual planning meeting will be March 12 at this location.

Next meeting April 5, 2006

Submitted by Guyleene Ebersole, Secretary