Recycling Committee Meeting
July 11, 2007

Members Present

Craig Bello	Sarah Ginsburg	Tami Sheena	Robert Johnson
Mike Haysley	Maya Samardzija	Stephanie Goldfield	

Non-voting Members Present

David Ritz — Tracy Dutton

Committee Business

- Four new members and one renewing member were sworn in by Tracy Dutton, City Clerk. The new members are Maya Samardzija, Mike Haysley, Stephanie Goldfield, and Robert Johnson. The renewing member is Sarah Ginsburg. We are pleased to welcome our new members to the group.

Communications

- August 18-22, the 10th annual recyclabilty and sustainability summit in Dallas will be held.
- In a publication called Resource Recycling, there was an article about lead being found in plastic bags, which is a toxic heavy metal.
    - There is a newsletter about this which can be found at www.toxicsinpackaging.org

Work Groups Assignments

Curbside Recycling: Tami Sheena, Craig Bello, and Mike Haysley
Education: Bonnie Parker, Craig Bello, and Stephanie Goldfield
Household Hazardous Waste: Maya Samardzija and Mike Haysley
Electronic Waste: Mike Haysley
Website: Craig Bello and Mike Haysley
Construction & Demolition: Sarah Ginsburg, Stephanie Goldfield, Mike Haysley, and Tami Sheena
Garage Sale: To be determined when garage sale date becomes nearer
Promotional distribution: To be better determined and defined in the near future
Commercial recycling: Tami Sheena, Maya Samardzija, and Robert Johnson

Misc.

- The recycling center needs to be revamped and become more user friendly
- There is a concern as to how to distribute the large brown bags that at one time were used for grass clippings
- Staples office supply store, which is not currently in the Houston area may be accepting all E-Waste for free

Public Works

- Curbside recycling has been steady
- 35% of citizens are participating
- 125 tons a week are being picked up with curbside

Next Meeting — August 1st, 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Sarah Ginsburg, Secretary