

# **Bellaire Recycling Committee Meeting**

**September 5, 2007**

## **Members Present**

Craig Bello

Sarah Ginsburg

Tami Sheena

Bonnie Parker

Maya S.

Robert Johnson

Stephanie Goldfield

## **Non-voting Members Present**

Will Hickman

Todd Gross

David Ritz

## **Communications**

- There were many newsletter responses from the BRC website to the pay as you throw program
- There was some discussion about recycling books, how and where to do so
- There were questions and comments about how we gauge the recycling participation, for example by the street vs. individual house
- There were questions about the discontinuation of assisted Saturdays
- Questions regarding where to recycle #5 and #6 plastics and why Bellaire does not recycle those particular plastics
- There were complaints about the Bellaire recycling center, one description called it deplorable
- There were requests for dog waste receptacles to be placed around town in areas other than the dog park
- There was some commenting on the newsletter article about pay as you throw
  - The committee commented that “Save as you throw” sounds better than “Pay as you throw”
- Residents in the apartment complex in Bellaire are requesting green bins and want to be somehow involved in the cities curbside recycling program
- There was some response stating that scaled garbage fees make sense
- There is high desire from residents for a hazardous waste event in Bellaire
- A thought provoking question was posed in an article, “What if landfills were banned all of a sudden, and everybody had to bury their trash in their backyards?”

## **Committee Business**

- Stephanie Goldfield and Robert Johnson still need to watch the open meeting video
- HGAC is hosting an environmental awareness roundtable on Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

- On October 4<sup>th</sup> there is a rescheduled Household Hazardous Waste/Electronic Waste event also hosted by HGAC
- All BRC book covers have been distributed!
- Trying to plan a Hazmobile event in conjunction with West University for the fall of 2008, located in West University
- In fall of 2009, planning Hazmobile event located in Bellaire partnering with West University
- BRC is interested in working on a green commercial outreach program for Bellaire businesses in the near future

### **Public Works**

- The quantity of collected recyclables has increased
- PW is still in the process of gauging home participation
- The BRC magnets are now on the trucks
- The recycling center steps have been repaired and the trees around the center have been trimmed back
- A new fence will be going up around the recycling center

### **HGAC Efficiency Workshop (8/18/07)**

- Ways to advertise and market recycling was discussed
- Different types of glass recycling issues were discussed

### **Education Events**

- Pumpkin Patch, October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 11 – 4 p.m.

### **December Newsletter**

- Need articles by mid-November at the latest from committee members

Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 3, 2007, 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Sarah Ginsburg, Secretary