

Recycling Committee Minutes  
September 6, 2006

Members Present

Sarah Ginsburg  
Craig Bello  
Meg Healy  
Bonnie Parker

Guyleene Ebersole  
Pat Adkins  
C.J. Adkins  
Tami Sheena

Non-voting Members Present

Todd Gross, Information Coordinator  
David Ritz, Deputy Director

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Craig Bello, Chair

Introductions

Introductions of all members and guests

Previous minutes

Will be reviewed and filed with the city

Communication

- Resident Daniel Tanugraha sent an e-mail complaining about the redundancy of curbside recycling and the Debbie Marshall recycling center
- Another resident requested that the BRC put more detailed information on the website regarding what can and cannot be recycled
- A Bellaire resident and friend of Guyleene's wants to make sure if Debbie Marshall recycling center is turned into a green space, that it will still be named in her Debbie Marshall's honor
- The Bellaire Buzz, Houston Chronicle, and Bellaire Examiner all ran articles discussing the new city wide curbside recycling program
  - The Bellaire Examiner misquoted a figure regarding how much each resident will be charged for the program on a monthly basis
- Guyleene nominated the BRC for a Synergy Award from the Citizens Environmental Coalition
  - Meg followed up with the nomination by providing the CEC with more information about the BRC

Utilities Report

- A review of Phase I is complete
- First day of curbside (today)
  - Trucks are still out and picking up bins as of 7:30 p.m. this evening
  - So far at least 4 full truck loads have been brought in
  - Residents that are putting paper items in plastic bags need to be further educated about the proper way to leave their recyclable items out
    - If education is not done, there may be ramifications from the dumping site
    - Placing papers and/or cardboard in paper sacks or next to bins needs to be encouraged
  - It seemed like a lot of residents were saving their materials for this day
  - A few residents were trying to use their own bins, which is not allowed
    - There is a \$10.00 charge for each additional bin
  - It was mentioned that opting out of the curbside recycling program is only allowed for residents 65+ and for the physically handicapped
- As of now, yard and brush waster are not being recycled in Bellaire due to a lack of places to take the waste

- Bellaire City Council will be going over the utilities budget, including the curbside recycling budget later this month

#### Committee Structure

- The BRC is subject to the open meetings act as sanctioned by the Bellaire City Council
  - Work group meetings require an agenda which should be submitted to the City Clerk three days prior to the meeting

#### Video Education Requirements

- From the BRC Pat Atkins and Tami Sheena still need to complete the video training for the open meetings act

#### Reports/Issues

- Sarah Ginsburg removed herself from the curbside recycling work group
- Tami Sheena volunteered for the curbside recycling work group

#### Grant Money

- The Houston Galveston Area Council wants us to spend all of the money allotted to the BRC for the grant
- If the BRC knows that it will not be able to spend all of the grant money, the BRC needs to let HGAC know as soon as possible, so we can give it back

#### Upcoming Educational Events

- Pumpkin Patch
  - October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at the Nature Discovery Center
  - Nature Discovery Center needs to be contacted
  - Need a table with promotional items and information

#### Hazardous Waste/E-Waste

- Harris County will be having upcoming one day collection events for recycling this items
  - This information will be posted on the BRC's webpage

#### Upcoming Dec. Newsletter

- Need ideas and authors
  - Submit ideas to Guyleene Ebersole
  - Deadline for all articles is Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>

#### Proud to Recycle

- Book covers need to be distributed to appropriate schools and at a good time in the year when they will be used and not disposed of
- Goodie bags also need to be distributed

Assisted Saturday

October 7th, 9:00 – noon (if needed)

Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Sarah Ginsburg, Secretary