

## **Bellaire Recycling Committee Meeting**

**December 5, 2007**

### **Members Present**

Craig Bello

Sarah Ginsburg

Maya Samardzija

Robert Johnson

Stephanie Goldfield

Mike Haysley

### **Non-voting Members Present**

David Ritz, Deputy Director of Public Works

Todd Gross, Information Coordinator of Public Works

### **Visitors Present**

Sara Kortemeier, Southwest News/Village News

### **Communications**

- A resident was slightly upset with the placement of the green bins after the collection
- On 11/20/07, the Houston Chronicle published an article, called the “Horrible Way of Recycling” by Terence Chea; visit [www.ban.org](http://www.ban.org) for more information
- Kroger began a plastic bag recycling program on 11/7/07 according to Recycling Today Magazine
- The Philadelphia and New York area began a program called, “Recycle Bank”. The program allows residents to receive gift cards as an incentive to recycle

### **Committee Business**

- A goal is to have green bins at future city wide events
- All of the training videos have been completed
- At the Holiday in the Park in November, all of the BRC promotional items were disbursed
- It is necessary for the committee to start thinking about future promotional item purchasing

## **Public Works**

- There was an increase in recycling after the Thanksgiving holiday
- There was some discussion as to whether or not dropping off the BRC newsletter with the black trash bags is the best method of delivery

## **BRC Planning**

- Mike Haysley has offered to take the Chairperson position over for Craig Bello when he is termed out in the summer of 2008
- Bonnie Parker's resignation needs to be formalized

## **Objectives & Goals**

- BRC Purposes, 1988-1989
  - Continually review and evaluate the city's recycling programs
  - Implement new programs
  - Service established programs
  - Publicize existing and new programs to the community
  - Provide educational programs designed to enhance awareness of the importance and desirability of recycling

## **Existing Projects**

- Newsletter, there are currently 3 a year, which are disbursed with the trash bags
- Public Events, 4 a year
  - Spring Fling
  - 4<sup>th</sup> of July
  - Pumpkin Patch
  - Holiday in the Park
- Website
- Curbside recycling, (education, promotion, enhancement)
- Citywide garage sale in April

## Possible Projects

- Parks, fields & pools
- Pay-as-you-throw
- Hazardous waste event
- Century Celebration (Centennial)
- Feedback to residents
- Yard & brush waste
- Apartment complex recycling program
- Commercial recycling program
- Bring back opt-outs to curbside recycling program
  - Priorities for 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2008
    - Park, fields and pools
    - Classroom recycle education
    - Citywide garage sale

Next Meeting

January 9, 2008

Submitted by Sarah Ginsburg, Secretary