

**GREEN TASK FORCE MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2008, 6:00 P.M.
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPT. TRAINING ROOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Koenig
Nancy Schneider
Yalmaz Siddiqui
Dan Sloan
Joseph Snider
Karla Vaillancourt

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ana DeMelo

STAFF PRESENT:

Richard Hasko
Randal Krejcarek

STAFF ABSENT:

Susan Ruby

GUEST/OTHERS:

Patrick Carroll, Solid Waste Authority
Richard Pollack
Jayne King
Brenda Jaffe
Nicholas Barbalaco
Matt Rich

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

The Green Task Force meeting was called to order by Ms. Nancy Schneider, Chairperson at 6:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

B. Meeting of February 27, 2008

Karla Vaillancourt made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2008 meeting, seconded by Joseph Snider. Said motion passed unanimously.

3. PRESENTATIONS:

A. Solid Waste Authority – Single Stream Recycling

Prior to introducing Mr. Patrick Carroll of the Solid Waste Authority, Mr. Hasko advised the Task Force members that City Commission would be looking for a recommendation from the Task Force as to whether or not they should pursue implementation of Single Stream Recycling or continue with the current method of

Dual Stream Recycling. He also advised that a representative from Waste Management would be making a presentation on this same issue at the next Task Force meeting.

Mr. Carroll began by stating that the presentation would not be about Single Stream, per se. Single Stream is a method of collecting recycled materials and is a method that Waste Management is proposing to the City. The Solid Waste Authority (SWA) has had a Dual Stream, or two bin system in place since 1990.

At this point, Mr. Carroll gave a power point presentation beginning with a brief history of SWA, future expansion plans, long term relationship with the City of Delray Beach, SWA's involvement in the management of bio-solids or sewage sludge and the advantages and disadvantages of both "collection" methods. Mr. Carroll stressed that recyclables are a valuable material and a resource. It is a "feed stop" for re-manufacturing new materials and needs to be treated as such. In his opinion, Single Stream does not accomplish this.

Solid Waste Authority web site is www.swa.org.

Mr. Siddiqui suggested a formula to provide to both Waste Management and SWA that will give the Task Force an objective basis on which to make their recommendation to the City Commission.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Task Force reports on assignments

Ms. Vaillancourt distributed a packet of information on Cool Cities. Board discussed next step in the process.

Florida Green Building Coalition (Local Green Government) – Ms. Schneider has developed and circulated a spreadsheet/survey to City Departments to gather information on energy efficient and green action initiatives currently being practiced by the City.

Yalmaz Siddiqui gave a brief video presentation on the Masdar Development.

Dan Sloan reported on Silicon Valley Cities that have strong Climate Protection Programs.

John Snider distributed information and covered high points of Sarasota's Green Development history. He will post information on the website.

Mr. Hasko will prepare an agenda item requesting that the Task Force make a presentation at the April 8th City Commission Workshop in regards to the City's

responsibilities and the commitment required to becoming a Green Government and to request that the City become a member of ICLEI.

B. Discussion regarding subcommittee formation

Discussion on this topic postponed to next meeting.

C. Establish website for information sharing.

Website address is sustainabledelray.org.

D. Best practices discussion (Domestic and global) (Dan, John Ana, Yalmaz)

Discussed creating a bar graph showing where City is today in regards to the Best Practice action items and City's progress towards reaching goals.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Sustainable Skylines Initiatives

Postponed until April 9th Meeting

B. Grant Availability

Postponed until April 9th Meeting

C. Green related events (Lights Out (3/29); Earth Day (4/22))

Board will ask City Commission to issue a Proclamation in support of Earth Day.

D. Car free zone designation for special events

Ms. Schneider will talk to Marjorie Ferrer about this issue.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Sierra Club general meeting at the Green Cay Environmental Center on April 15th at 6:00 PM.

7. BOARD COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Schneider advised that the Mayor would be interested in the Board providing her with tips for "greening up her home." Board Members should bring suggested tips to the next meeting.

Mr. Siddiqui inquired about the possibility of Board Members being able to “call in” to the meetings in the event they’re out of town.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chairperson Nancy Schneider declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Randal Krejcarek, City Engineer/Staff Liaison

The undersigned is the Executive Secretary to the ESD Director and the information provided herein are the minutes of the meeting of said Green Task Force of March 19, 2008, which minutes were formally approved and adopted by the Board on

Kendra Graham, Executive Assistant