

Notice of Recycling and Solid Waste Reduction Board Meeting
Notice is hereby given that the Recycling and Solid Waste Reduction Board will meet on
Tuesday, May 10, 2016
6:00 pm
Community Building – John Neighbor’s Activity Room
6104 Auden

Attendance:

Present: Marlow, Rankin, Jacobs, Barnwell, Orzeck, Brown, Rutz, Sickler

Absent: Becker, Incavo, Ball

Staff: Barrera

Citizens: A. Drews.

1) Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:04p

2) Approval of April 2016 Minutes

April minutes were approved.

Motion: Orzeck

Second: Rutz

The Board voted unanimously approved minutes.

3) Board Member Reports, Business/Action Items

a) Yard waste\bulk waste –Update

Yard Waste – 600+ notices have been issued with approximately 52 repeat offenders as of current. Courtesy collection period will end in June and special collection notices will be issued. The majority of problems are the use of non-compostable bags, placed curbside on incorrect day or mixed with trash.

Bulk trash – there are no reported problems with the collection of bulk trash on Thursdays and Fridays. Possibility exists to collect bulk trash on scheduled trash days but this has not been formally discussed.

b) Drug Take Back event handled by West U Police Dept. – April 30 – Comments

Approximately 800 pounds of prescription drugs were collected at the event.

c) Shredding Event --- May 7th --- Report -- City Staff/ Board

Cars counted: 241

Amount of paper shredded: 16,600 lbs (approx. 8.4 tons)

E-waste collected for recycling/disposal: 2,003 lbs

d) WTDWI – Board

Revisions are being completed on new version of WTDWI and it will be posted on the City’s website.

It was mentioned that the ESC does not accept wet pool chemicals (i.e chlorine tablets, etc) with voucher. Pool companies will not accept it either. Board is to investigate further on how to properly dispose of certain pool chemicals and report later.

e) New Neighbor program – Brown

26 new neighbors.

f) Tri-Sports recycling – Board

Marlow and Rutz proposed meeting with Tri-Sports President. Marlow will work on setting up a meeting this summer with WULL liaison and WULL President to discuss this season's recycling activities and the possibility of establishing an internal WULL recycling committee based on some of the interest from WULL parents. It was also stated that the WULL recycling committee will not be set up this year.

g) Currents articles topics, assignments and deadlines

Staff is working to get a better handle on due dates for articles. The idea is to have at least two articles completed ahead of time. The following article assignments were discussed:

Becker – yard waste topic

Orzeck – sharps

Barnwell suggested article about how to remove name from junk mail and credit card solicitation lists.

h) Misc.

4th of July event was discussed briefly but nothing was formalized.

Jacobs toured and reported on the Brittmore MRF facility.

Barnwell asked if Waste Management (WM) was still accepting glass from West U since they were not from the City of Houston. Staff clarified that the contract between WM and West U differs from the contract between WM and City of Houston. Glass is still accepted curbside in West U.

Jacobs to send out EPA presentation to board.

4) **West U Staff Report -- Recycling Stats**

No recycling stats were available. Staff will send summary once the stats are received and compiled on spreadsheet.

5) **Citizens' comments**

Drews provided public opinion to Board.

6) **Chairman's Report**

Nothing to report.

7) **Board Member Comments**

No comments

8) **Adjournment - next meeting June 14, 2016**

At 7:03 P.M. Rankin motioned to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Brown. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

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