

MEETING MINUTES
RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE REDUCTION BOARD
TUESDAY, July 14 2020
Online Zoom meeting

1) **Call to Order**

Marlow called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2) **Attendance**

Members Present: Brown, Hairston, Jacobs, Little, Marlow, Mifflin, Sheth, Sickler and Swiger

Also Present: Barrera

Members Absent: Castro and Stelzer

3) **Agenda Order**

There were no changes to Agenda order.

4) **Approval of Minutes**

Susie motioned to approve the minutes of the June 2020 meeting and the motion was seconded by Jennifer. The Board voted unanimously to approve the June 2020 minutes.

5) **Board Member Reports**

- a) July 4th event --- Gerardo confirmed that the City has cancelled the event due to Covid restrictions.
- b) Shred-it Event -- August 8th – This event is still on and Orval will send out a sign-up sheet. We will hand out the West U Collects App flyer as well as the Curbside Recycling Flyer. **Action item:** Send Board sign-up sheet.
- c) New neighbor program -- Board members were going forward again with visiting the new residents and giving them literature and information. Jerome commented that there were fewer new residents than in the past so the number of people assigned is not as large. Discussion about the WTDWI flyer and whether it should be revised or to rely on the West U Collects App and refer residents to it.
- d) Tri-Sports – update –Orval has contacted the Soccer people and will get them the pledges for the parents and players. **Action item:** Orval will discuss pledges with the Soccer people and possibly put up the recycling soccer signs on the fields.
- e) Master Recycler program – Fall 2020 – Yvonne said based on the current Covid restrictions that the program was being postponed until at least the Spring of 2021 or the Fall of 2021. Yvonne though in-person presentations were better to build the relationships with the participants. **Action item:** The Master Recycler program subcommittee will send the Board members drafts of the modules to review and comment as each draft module is completed.
- f) Currents articles discussion (articles assigned to Board members) – The Spring/Summer edition of the Currents did not go out due to Covid. Once the issue is ready, Gerardo will send Orval a draft of the article for the Board’s final review before it goes to publication. The Board also discussed a possible reference in the West U Collect App to the textile article that would be on the West U City website – one the article is finalized. **Action item:** Board members, during the month of July should send comments on the articles that have been sent to the Board members for review. In addition, Gerardo will be checking to see if there are any issues in adding the final version of the textile article to the website.

g) Miscellaneous (such other items discussed by the Board)

1. Susie asked about recycling wet cardboard and paper. Gerardo said the information from Waste Management is that residents can still put it out for recycling.

2. Susie asked about composting food by residents using 3rd party companies. **Action item:** Susie will give contact info regarding 2 food composters to Orval for him to contact about possible presentations to the Board at one of our meetings.

3. Yvonne said there was no Fall Composting class due to Covid and the fact that the Master Recycler classes were originally planned at that time. **Action item:** Orval will discuss with Steve and see if he wants to do a Spring Composting Class.

4. The Board talked about doing a Plastics Free Pledge in July 2021. No decision was made but would be discussed at future Board meetings.

5. The Board discussed revising the insert on Curbside Recycling that was in the Recycling Edition of the Currents and maybe handing it out at the Shred-It events as well as including it with one of the next Currents editions. The Board will be giving Orval comments on the Curbside Recycling handout after this Board meeting. **Action items:** Once Orval gets all the comments from the Board he will give Gerardo the Board comments on the Curbside Recycling flyer so it can hopefully be revised in time for the Shredding Event.

6) **West University Staff Report** Gerardo discussed the numbers from Waste Management. The Board discussed the report and asked questions about #3 to 7s showing no value on the report but that #1 to 2s showed value on the reports. Yvonne said he thought Waste Management was not recycling glass with Strategic but was using it as road fill, etc. **Action item:** Orval to send report out to the Board since Gerardo had just received it prior to the Board meeting.

7) **Chairman's Report** Nothing additional to report.

8) **Board Member Comments** Nothing additional to report.

9) **Adjournment** – next meeting August 11, 2020

At 6:46 pm Yvonne motioned to adjourn tonight's meeting and the motion was seconded by Rick. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.