



Solid Waste Advisory Commission Universal Recycling Ordinance Phase 2 Committee DRAFT Minutes

July 19, 2011, 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Room 1029, City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas

Committee Members in Attendance:

Rick Cofer, Maydelle Fason

Solid Waste Services Staff in Attendance:

Bob Gedert, Tammie Williamson, Jessica King, Woody Raine

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Rick Cofer called the Committee Meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.
 - a. **Introduction of the Solid Waste Advisory Commission Committee Members** – Mr. Cofer asked city staff Woody Raine to introduce himself and address item 4.d, below.
 - b. **Inform audience of process and rules** – no discussion

2. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION** - none

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Maydelle Fason moved approval of the minutes for the Committee Meeting on June 21, 2011 and Mr. Cofer seconded, thus, approving the minutes unanimously.

4. **REGULAR AGENDA**

- a. **Discussion and possible action to review or modify Committee schedule**
The Committee briefly reviewed the schedule and made no changes.
- b. **Discussion regarding City's plan to process compostable materials collected at curbside**
Solid Waste Services Department Director Bob Gedert discussed elements of the SWS Master Plan that address collecting compostable material from City residential customers and delivering the material to area compost operations.
- c. **Discussion and clarification of the acceptable and approved use of "Dillo Dirt" for fruits and vegetables for human consumption.**
Mr. Gedert introduced the topic and turned over discussion of the topic to Austin Water's Ken Lockard and Jodie Slagle. Mr. Lockard described the sludge treatment operation at Hornsby Bend. Mr. Slagle described the process of composting the

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treated sludge, or biosolids, to produce 'Dillo Dirt. He explained that although the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality classifies 'Dillo Dirt for unrestricted use, Austin-area retailers primarily market it for landscaping purposes rather than for fruits and vegetables.

d. Discussion and possible action on hotel and lodging commercial sector

Mr. Cofer opened the floor for discussion on this topic. Members of the hotel and lodging commercial sector, food and beverage businesses, private haulers, compost operators, and others shared their knowledge and experiences with implementing and managing recycling systems within hotel and other lodging facilities.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Status report on Restaurant Recycling Pilot Project

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rick Cofer adjourned the meeting before 4:30 p.m. without objection.

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