



## Resource Conservation Committee (RCC) Meeting

Thursday, 3/19/09

Minutes by Carlos Medina (DERM)

### Item 1

- RCC meeting was called to order by Herb Balfour (DERM) at 2:08 pm. Herb thanked Carlos (DERM) and Tom (GSA, OTV) for their quick response in relocating the RCC meeting to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor at last minute notice.

### Item 2

- RCC approved February minutes.

### Item 3

- Ana (WASD) spoke to John from Southeastern Recycling Corp. (SER) about the scheduling problems her dept. was experiencing with SER not picking up cardboard bins from some of her sites -Virginia Key and Leisure City. She mentioned that SER had not picked up the cardboard bins for these two sites since January and February.
- John's (SER) response was to request that he be contacted in such occasions so that he can figure out what had happened and make the necessary corrections. He stated that he sends the County a report every Tues. and Thurs. on the route pick ups and that this report is given to him by his drivers every day. John (SER) mentioned that this report changes because the County has sites that are on a call bases only and that might have been the issue.
- Ana questioned the difference between a dash and blank in their report. John (SER) said that there was no difference; it meant zero pick ups; if it would have been a pick up, and it would have a number.
- John (SER) pointed out that his company also does plastic and aluminum recycling and would like to be included in the County's curbside recycling contract. Daniel (GSA, Fac. Mgt.) mentioned that the RCC is performing market research with different vendors, due to the County's code of silence, the RCC is not allowed to discuss further details about the contract but might consider SER in the future.

### Item 4

- Tom (GSA, OTV) made a presentation about the Recycle Conference & Trade Show which he attended, sponsored by the RCC. He mentioned that there were various representatives, such as Bill Moore (Bill Moore & Associate), Joe Cattaneo (Glass Packaging Institute), Bill Heenan (Steel Recycling Institute), and Rudy Underwood (American Plastics Council), who spoke about the different recycling markets on paper, glass, steel and plastic. According to Tom (GSA, OTV,) Dr. Tom Cunningham (Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta) said, "Do not expect the markets to recover any time soon". He estimates that it would take 2 or more years for recycling prices to recover.
- Tom (GSA, OTV) also spoke about the WasteWise Endorser Program which engages state and local government agencies, trade associations, nonprofit organizations, and businesses to help educate their members and constituents about the benefits of reducing solid waste. Partners like City of Dunedin - Solid Waste Division, City of Orlando, Solid Waste Mgmt, City of Safety Harbor, FL, and City of Tamarac, FL are but a few that have agreed to reduce or recycle municipal solid waste and select industrial wastes.
- Tom (GSA, OTV) talked about Recycle Tech Corp. that design EPS densifying mechanisms like the XT200 that uses high volume extruder technology to convert Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) – commonly referred to a Styrofoam into hard reusable ingot or foam like substance. The process is safe and clean with no harmful emissions.

- The XT200 is competitively price / cost effective (around \$1000 dollars), convenient and safe for public use (weighs 1,400 with a capacity of 200 lbs/hr), easy to move around (can be mounted on a truck to form a mobile EPS recycling station), and easy to maintain.
- Tom (GSA, OTV) talked about the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corp. (RBRC), which created the 2CallRecycle Program. This program offers rechargeable battery and cell phone recycling plans for retailers, communities, public agencies, and businesses completely free of charge. RBRC provides all collection containers and collateral materials, and pays all shipping and recycling costs, so there is no cost to participate.
- Tom (GSA, OTV) conversed about other companies like Busch Systems International, Norsemen Plastics, and Earth Machine that design and sale recyclable bins; Lighting Resources LLC another recycling company that safely dispose of lamps, ballasts, batteries, and thermostats into easy packaged containers (click here to view the full power point presentation [www.miamidade.gov/derm/library/conservation/Recycle\\_Trade\\_Show.pdf](http://www.miamidade.gov/derm/library/conservation/Recycle_Trade_Show.pdf))

**Item 5**

- Manuel (Aviation) brought up the issue that his dept. was interested in doing supplementary recycling programs but needed to get a letter from the RCC to start the process. The RCC committee stated that he will need to contact OIG for permission, but Ana (WASD) said that OIG is not likely approve it.

**Item 6**

- Daniel (GSA, Blvd Mgr.) spoke about the curbside recycling contract the RCC subcommittee was working on and that a draft was sent to DPM for final revision.
- Maria Hevia (DPM) said that DPM will forward it to the RCC within one to two weeks.
- Daniel (GSA, Blvd Mgr.) mentioned that large County depts. like GSA and Aviation should have separate recycling contracts due to their department's complex infrastructure. So far, GSA and the Police dept. were the only County departments that have submitted the recycling forms to Tom (GSA, OTV).
- Herb (DERM) said that he will draft a final e-mail to be sent to all County depts. to submit their recycling forms and include a deadline. He mentioned that for the e-mail to be more effective it should come from the Office of Sustainability. Susannah (OSS) will forward this e-mail.

**Item 7**

- Herb (DERM) welcomed Tracie Auguste (Mayor's Office) and Caesar Phillips (ONC) to the RCC.

**Item 8**

- Audie (GSA, Printing) spoke to his IMA person about the use of a green recyclable symbol and he did nothing about it. Audie (GSA, Printing) then spoke to their supervisor who will mandate GSA to put a green symbol next to all recyclable materials specified in their catalogs.
- Audie (GSA, Printing) elaborated on GSA's goals on having the RCC pay for their CoC certification. The initial certification cost will be \$8,500 and \$6,500 for yearly renewals. The RCC Committee agreed to pay for the first \$8,500 subject to an agreement that GSA Print Shop will renew the contract for 5 consecutive years.
- Herb (DERM) said that the RCC did not vote favorably on sending a representative to the 2009 National Environmental Partnership Submit, so it was cancelled.
- Christopher (OSBM) spoke about his meeting with GIC to promote the RCC through the County Going Green Segments, LEED building initiatives, and recycling alerts. GIC said that in order for the services to be free the RCC will have to communicate with the County Manager's Office. Herb (DERM) will draft up a letter to Susanne Torriente (Assistant County Manager) stating how disjointed the County's marketing and information is online.
- Carlos (DERM) talked about the status of the recycle bins and the quote that he received from GSA Print Shop. GSA would charge the RCC around \$30,000 for the delivery, labels, and order of recycle bins. Carlos & Stanley (DERM) shopped around to get other quotes from different vendors and the cheapest was Bosch Systems International for \$19,000, the quote includes free delivery with RCC stamp on bins. Since the order was more than \$10,000, it had to be sent to

procurement. It will take 2 to 3 months for procurement to approve this order. Carlos or Stanley (DERM) will notify the RCC when the recycle bin orders come in.

**Item 9**

- Herb (DERM) spoke about the Green Expo Conference at Miami Beach on June 11 & 12, where decision members purchasing agents, procurement officers engage in sustainability practices from governmental entities, US & international business, etc. The RCC will not be sponsoring attendance for any of its members. If a RCC representative wishes to attend this workshop, they must contact their own department for authorization and payment. Carlos (DERM) will e-mail information to all RCC members.

**Item 10**

- Meeting was adjourned at 3:58 pm

Miami-Dade Resource Conservation Committee				Minutes	
Meeting Date: March 19, 2009					2007
Attendance Roster					2008
Meeting Minutes: Carlos Medina					2009
Primary Rep.	Dept.	Alternate	Primary Initial	Alternate Initial	
Abreu, Edsel	HR	?	Present		
Aldrich, Gale	DHS	Reese, Joann		Excused	
Alvarez-Cleary, Suzet	LIB	Gorgoy, Lluís		Excused	
Auguste, Tracie	Mayor's Office	?	Present		
Balfour, Herb	DERM	Hernandez, Sara	Present	Present	
Bazzani, Manuel	Aviation	Buenconsejo, Rod	Excused	Present	
Beltran, Mayra	CSD	Flevaris, Bobby	Present		
Birdwell, Ruth	PA	Wyche, Corinthia	Excused		
Blanc, Newton	ONC	Phillips, Caesar		Present	
Boersma, Carol	IRP	Callava-Fernandez, Maria			
Bran, Ricardo	ITC	?			
Camejo, Oscar	MPO	Palmer, Donna			
Campbell, Kyndal	Vizcaya	Rustin, Jim	Present		
Carelus, Luke	CED	?			
Casaday, Gail	PWD	Saldivar, Yadiris	Excused	Present	
Castro-Cabrera, Ana	ETSD	Bianchi, Carlos	Excused		
Caveda, Ana	WASD	Negahban, Sherry	Present		
Cole, Michael	MDPD	Andersen, John	Present		
Cornely, Tina	MAM	?			
Coughlin, Dan	GSA Store	?			
Douglass, Daniel	GSA, Bldg Mgr.	Racine, David	Present		
Edouard, Stanley	DERM	Medina, Carlos	Excused	Present	
Eichenbaum, Anita	MDFR	Mur, Marcia	Present		
Fernandez, Liliana	CEO	?			
Hamilton, Mark	GSA, Fleet	Paredes, Hector			
Hope, Becky	Seaport	?	Excused		
Iglesias, Marivi	GIC	Shycko, Jaime			
Jackson, Katherine	AMS	?			

Kelly, Marlon	MDCR	?	Present	
Kong, Christopher	OSBM	Horton-Tavera, Amy	Present	
Krafick, Stanley	Building	Smith, R. Terry		
Ledesma, Yvonne	ME	?	Excused	
Llaguno-Feria, Evita	Legal Aid Society	Grosman, Stephanie	Excused	
Martinez, Rick	AOC	Gonzalez, Lourdes		
Massa, Jeanmarie	SWM	Love, Gayle	Present	
Nisely, David	HT	?		
Perez, Edilfa	COC	?	Present	
Perez-Garviso, Martha	DPM	Smith, Doris	Present	
Plummer, Tom	GSA, OTV	?	Present	
Richard, Robert	BCCO	Hendrix, Ava		Present
Romero, Reynaldo	JAC	Edmeade, Dossity		
Rowe, Garrett	DP&Z	?	Present	
Saboya, Maria	Elections	Konstantinidis, Anestis		
Sanchez, Rodzandra	COE	Cedeno, Rachele		
Solomon, Bill	MDPR	Seaman, Jon	Present	Present
Stringer, Amelia	HFA	?		
Stridiron, Barbara	CAA	Singleton, Yolanda		
Taveras, Caonado	ADA	Hyam, Ilene	Present	Present
Taylor, Coralee	SBD	Ferguson, Asa		Present
Thomas-Jones, Donna	FIN	Callwood, Debra	Present	
Thompson, Audie	GSA, Printing	?	Present	
Toledo, Adien	MDTA	Sharifi, Akbar	Present	
Torres, Militssa	CUA	Pezoldt, Dana	Present	
Troner, Susannah	OSS	Nirmul, Devesh	Present	
Villarreal, Angel	ASD	Diaz, Virginia		
<b>Guest</b>	<b>Dept.</b>	<b>Company</b>		
<b>Moises Salams</b>		<b>SER</b>	Present	
<b>John Szkolnik</b>		<b>SER</b>	Present	
<b>Maria Hevia</b>	<b>DPM</b>		Present	