

MINUTES OF THE PLASTICS RECYCLING TASK FORCE
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

January 17, 1989

Room 330

Plastics Recycling Task Force Members Present: Corky Kirkpatrick, Chair, Bill Martin, Ted Stanwood, Gaylen Kiltow, Joe W. Cancilla, Patrick A. Moffatt, Bruce Walker, Bruce Holser, Lissa Wienholt, Jeff Gage, Jerry Herrmann, Dennis Denton and Peggy Lovell

Others Present: Councilor Roger Buchanan, Leola Stanwood, Ray Barker, Pat Vernon, Sam Culpepper, Robyn Salisbury, Bill Muir, Dianne Mattson, David F. Swiderski, Sara Vickerman and Charlotte Becker

Chair Kirkpatrick called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

1. Consideration of the Plastics Recycling Legislation Approved by the Interim Committee on Environmental and Hazardous Waste (LC 741, LC 742, LC 748, LC 752 and LC 753)

The Task Force discussed LC 741. Ray Barker, Council Analyst, noted Greg McMurdo, Government Relations Manager, said the LC language was in rough draft form but close to final language. Chair Kirkpatrick asked for group consensus on LC 741. The group agreed the proposed legislation was acceptable. Chair Kirkpatrick stated the record should show the Plastics Recycling Task Force endorsed LC 741.

Those present discussed LC 742. Bruce Walker said the City of Portland wanted more recycling, but was not convinced it was good to tack certain plastics onto the 405 definition/materials list of recyclables. Chair Kirkpatrick asked if anyone favored the bill. Chair Kirkpatrick said LC 741 could be introduced as a bill and then they could see if it were a viable option or not.

Ted Stanwood said with regard to LC 748 that the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) thought it would be more expensive to transport containers. Dave Phillips said there was a market for clear glass. Mr. Walker said a shift to biodegradable plastics could hinder recycling. The Task Force agreed to pass over LC 748.

Those present discussed LC 752 and how long it took to degrade plastics and effects on wildlife. All agreed it was an environmental, rather than recycling, measure. The Plastics Recycling Task Force endorsed LC 752.

In reference to LC 753, Mr. Walker said the City of Portland recently adopted stringent guidelines on polystyrene. Dennis Denton said there were inconsistencies in LC 753 and said it stated polystyrene was not a recyclable which it was. Bruce Holser noted "styrofoam" was a patented trademark name and that all polystyrene should not be called styrofoam. Those present agreed they would like to see the final language on LC 753.

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2. Consideration of Legislation Requiring Plastic Beverage Containers to Have Labels that are Conducive to Recycling

The Task Force discussed milk jugs and problems recycling them because certain types of labels were not recyclable and difficult to remove from the milk jugs themselves. The Task Force discussed different recyclable labelling methods. The Task Force agreed for such legislation to be successful, the language had to be more technical.

3. Consideration of Metro Activities to Support Plastics Recycling:

- . One Percent for Recycling Program
- . Public Education Program

The Task Force discussed whether 1 percent of the solid waste budget was enough. They discussed increasing funds for recycling by expanding the allowance to 2 percent. Some present argued \$300,000 was a large sum for experimental programs. Chair Kirkpatrick said Metro was in the beginning of its budget process and said if the Task Force recommended increased funds, the recycling program budget could be increased. Mr. Phillips said the Task Force could endorse 1 percent again for FY 1989-90 and specify unspent funds be carried over to the next fiscal year. The Task Force agreed.

Chair Kirkpatrick said she was told Metro was not spending enough on recycling information. Sara Vickerman asked how Metro could advocate plastics recycling when there was as yet no effective method of collection. Mr. Walker noted Metro had a large advertising budget in comparison to other governmental agencies. Ms. Vickerman said if complicated recycling procedures were introduced, the public could be intimidated. She said procedures developed now would probably change. Ms. Vickerman said a good system should be developed and introduced to the public. Mr. Denton said the public did not even know plastics were recyclable.

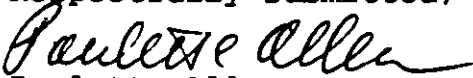
Recommendation for Next Year's Budget

The Task Force recommended a public/private combination campaign to educate the public with regard to plastics recycling.

Chair Kirkpatrick and the Task Force agreed the next meeting would be held Monday, January 30, 1989, at 4:00 p.m.

Chair Kirkpatrick adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


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