

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

March 26, 1990

Room 145

**Task Force Members Present:** Russell Brownier, Carrie Heaton, Jerry Herrmann, Sara Vickerman and Jeff Gage

**Others Present:** Ray Barker, Pat Vernon, Jerry Powell, K.R. Michel, Allen Hurst and Mark Whitlow

Ray Barker, Council Analyst, noted at 4:20 p.m., Chair Corky Kirkpatrick would be unable to attend this meeting.

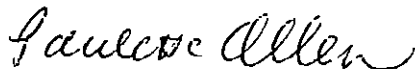
Jerry Herrmann discussed his recent trip to the Rutgers University National Plastics Recycling Institute Conference "Critical Elements in Post-Consumer Recycling." Mr. Herrmann discussed the co-mingling and separation of waste and processing centers. Jerry Powell advocated sorting waste with magnets, glass by color, and discussed overseas processing. Mr. Herrmann discussed the configuration of collection trucks. He said bin sizes had to be increased if the truck did not have a grinder. Mr. Herrmann distributed information from the conference to those present and showed plastic lumber made at Rutgers University. He said Rutgers had worked on different ingredient combinations for plastic lumber and had found adding polystyrene greatly added to lumber strength. Those present discussed plastic lumber as an emerging product. Those present agreed "mixed plastics extrusion" should be on next month's agenda.

1. **Overview of Polystyrene Foam Recycling Initiative for Portland and Multnomah County**

Those present discussed the ban briefly. Consideration continued to the next meeting Monday, April 23, 1990.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Committee Clerk  
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