

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

May 22, 1989

Room 145

Task Force Members Present: Chair Corky Kirkpatrick, Bill Martin, Patrick A. Moffatt, Jerry Herrmann, Jeff Gage and Scott Ashcom

Others Present: Ray Barker, Sara Vickerman, Carrie Heaton, Bob Martin and Greg McMurdo

Chair Kirkpatrick called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

3. Report on River Clean-Up Project

Jerry Herrmann reported on the river clean-up and said it was successful. He discussed the composition of materials found and what percentage of the waste stream was comprised of plastic baggies, six-pack rings and other miscellaneous waste. He noted chunks of styrofoam were found and said inland debris found was primarily dock debris. He said local jurisdictions were very responsive to clean-up and maintenance. He said the Polystyrene Council would be requested to fund another clean-up operation in 1990. He noted West Linn had its own natural resources commission.

Chair Kirkpatrick noted the analysis of debris retrieved was as important as what was picked up.

4. Reconsideration of Recycling/Banning Policy Statement

Chair Kirkpatrick noted the Metro Council asked the Task Force to rewrite language they had submitted on banning versus the recycling of plastics. She noted Councilor Gary Hansen endorsed recycling and Councilor Jim Gardner endorsed banning.

Jeff Gage said the PRTF could draft language which stated bans should only be considered in the case of compelling evidence of environmental damage caused by the specific product blamed.

Scott Ashcom suggested appointment of a subcommittee to refine policy/goal statements on recycling versus banning. Those present discussed such a subcommittee further and agreed Mr. Herrmann, Mr. Ashcom, Chair Kirkpatrick and Ray Barker, Council Analyst, should meet Tuesday, May 30, at 4:00 p.m

1. Consideration of SB990 (B-Engrossed)

Those present discussed the current status of SB990. Mr. Ashcom said the bill was about to be referred to the Ways and Means Committee. Mr. Gage said the Judiciary Committee voted 4 to 3 on the bill. Mr. Barker noted SB344 and SB352 were tabled and merged into SB990. Greg McMurdo, Government Relations Manager, said if SB990 failed, SB344 and 352 could be revived. Those present discussed the fiscal impact of SB990 if adopted. Chair Kirkpatrick asked what position the Task Force wished to take. Those

present agreed to recommend the Metro Council oppose SB990 as currently written. Chair Kirkpatrick noted she would send a letter which stated the position taken by the Task Force.

2. Update on Various Legislation

HB3482 - Resource Conservation Trust Fund

SB424 - Hazardous Waste Collection Program; DEQ Disposal Site Fee

SB1083 - Reclaimed Plastic Product Tax Credit

Those present discussed the current status of various pieces of legislation.

Chair Kirkpatrick adjourned the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paulette Allen
Committee Clerk
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