

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

June 26, 1989

Room 240

Task Force Members Present: Corky Kirkpatrick, Bill Martin, Charlotte Becker, Lissa Wienholt, Russell Brownier, Patrick A. Moffatt, Jerry Herrmann and Jeff Gage

Others Present: Allen Hurst, Teace Adams, Sarah Vickerman and Ray Barker

Chair Kirkpatrick called the meeting to order at 4:05

1. Report on Providence Hospital Plastics Recycling Program

Chair Kirkpatrick noted Marina Britsky Applegate, Providence Milwaukie Hospital, would not be able to attend this meeting and Agenda No. 1 would be scheduled for a meeting at a later date.

2. Legislative Update

Ray Barker, Council Analyst, briefed those present on the status of current legislation. He said Greg McMurdo, Government Relations Manager, was unable to attend but had received an update from him on the phone.

Senate Bill 3482: The Revenue Committee passed SB 3482 and it was scheduled for Senate consideration. Mr. Barker said Mr. McMurdo said an interim committee would consider it and it would probably be adopted at the next legislative session. Chair Kirkpatrick said Sarah Vickerman did an excellent job of promoting the bill.

Senate Bill 990: Mr. Barker distributed a D-Engrossed copy and a D-Engrossed SB 990 minority report. He said the minority report was submitted instead of a majority report and was currently in the Revenue Committee until the next session. Those present agreed with the minority report which addressed tax and diversion credits. Mr. Barker said the minority report contained major changes including SB 1083 tax credits. Senate Bill 990 was discussed further including the real cost of implementation. Those present agreed costs involved were not large, but that implementation was a hurdle. The Task Force supported SB 990.

Senate Bill 424: Mr. Barker said SB 424 was in the Ways and Means Committee. He noted Mr. McMurdo did not think the bill would pass. He said the major change was elimination of the \$2 per ton disposal fee and noted other deletions.

Senate Bill 1083: Mr. Barker said the Revenue Committee held a public hearing on SB 1083 June 21. He had called Revenue Committee staff who did not know the current status of the bill. Lissa Wienholt noted the legislation still included solid waste recycling activities to be funded by a former \$1 fee now reduced to 50 cents per ton. She said no standards were outlined for recycling.

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3. Discussion on the Future of the Plastics Recycling Task Force

Chair Kirkpatrick said the Metro Council supported the Task Force for a duration longer than the legislative session. She asked those present for input and said the Task Force could develop a six-month agenda in which to achieve goals.

Patrick A. Moffatt said the Task Force should continue so Task Force members could serve as an informational network. Russell Brown said the Task Force could develop standards for marketing on a state-wide level. He said prices for the West Coast could be established on items such as ground-up milk jugs and said it was necessary to make collection a viable process. Mr. Moffatt said collection was made difficult because common preparation standards were not adhered to. Chair Kirkpatrick noted Charlotte Becker, Recycling Information (RIC) Center Coordinator, had preparation standards on file in the RIC. Mr. Herrmann said there were only eight processors in the Portland/Vancouver area and agreement on common standards was required. He said the Task Force could set up a procedures manual for those who wanted to start a plastics recycling venture as a contract to set standards for recycling. Ms. Becker said the recycling of film plastics could be further developed.

Mr. Herrmann said the Task Force could assume a leadership role to determine standards. He said realistic information on the greenhouse and ozone layer effects was lacking. He said those issues were two separate things which the public thought were related. He said the public could be made aware of real problems and that the Columbia River clean-up and attendant publicity was a first step. Chair Kirkpatrick suggested some information sessions with industry representatives.

Chair Kirkpatrick said the Plastics Recycling Task Force could continue to meet on a monthly basis to develop goals discussed at this meeting. Chair Kirkpatrick said the next meeting would be Monday, July 24, 1989, at 4:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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