

MINUTES OF THE COMPOSTER COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

September 11, 1989

Trinity Lutheran Church

Committee Members Present: Chair Roger Buchanan, David Knowles, Tom Lunday, Ed Washington, Addie Lundstrom, Gordon Hunter, and Tina Christensen. Bob Palmer represented Ron Cease. Barbara George represented Earl Blumenauer.

Also Present: Metro Councilor Gary Hansen, Ray Barker, Keith Thompsen and Charles Bird.

Chair Buchanan called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

1. Consideration of Minutes of August 14, 1989

The minutes of the August 14, 1989, meeting were approved.

Charles Bird, Riedel Environmental Technologies, Inc. (RET), described the DANO composter process to those present and responded to questions on waste volume, odor, markets, storage capacity, ability to expand, types of waste, site security, and other issues.

Mr. Bird explained the composter facility would recover and recycle usable materials from approximately 185,000 tons of the region's solid waste and, from remaining organic material, produce compost--a humus-like material used for soil conditioning.

Mr. Bird said RET estimated for every 100 pounds of solid waste received at the facility, 10 pounds would be recycled, 30 pounds would be landfilled, and 60 pounds would become finished compost product. He explained the composting process to be used was developed by a Swiss company, DANO, Ltd., which has 100 plants operating worldwide.

Mr. Bird said RET had signed contracts with agricultural customers who would buy all the compost produced in the first year of facility operation. He said it would be used primarily in the Christmas tree, bare root nursery, and forest seedling industries. He said the compost facility was scheduled to begin operations by mid 1991. Mr. Bird explained the DANO composting process which included receiving, recycling, pulverizing, composting and shipping.

3. Proposed Routes for Disposal Trucks Using the Riedel Composter Facility

Ray Barker, Metro Council Analyst, said an estimated 180 trucks would use the composter facility each day which would include 175 collection and 5 transport trucks. Mr. Barker displayed a map of streets and highways that will probably be used by the trucks using the facility. Those streets included 33rd, Cully, 57th, Sandy, 60th, Pacific Highway, Martin Luther King, Jr., Killingsworth and Columbia.

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2. Discussion on North Portland's Enhancement Committee Experience

Gary Hansen, Metro Councilor District 12, Chair North Portland Enhancement Committee, reported how that committee determined enhancement area boundaries, the criteria used to determine which projects would be funded, and how the enhancement committee was selected and its functions. He said it took approximately one year to determine boundaries and criteria and to recommend a standing committee.

Councilor Hansen stated the Composter Community Enhancement Advisory Committee would probably have a more difficult time determining the impact from the composter facility because it did not yet exist, and the impact of the St. Johns Landfill was known because that facility had been in existence over 40 years.

Councilor Hansen said public hearings were held to obtain input on boundaries, types of projects to be funded and other issues. He said the North Portland Enhancement Committee used only the interest earned on enhancement fund monies. He answered questions from those present.

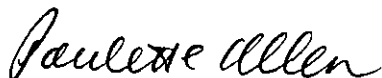
4. Public Comments

No one present offered public comment or testimony.

Chair Buchanan said the next Composter Community Enhancement Advisory Committee meeting would be held Wednesday, September 27, 1989, at 7:30 p.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church. He said the agenda for that meeting would focus on enhancement area boundaries and committee policies.

Chair Buchanan adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Committee Clerk
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