



Community Advisory Panel Minutes May 27, 2010

Those in attendance:	Darryl Lesak	Marie Lester	Trey Torres
Rachel Brown	Meridith Byrd	Charlie Boren	Barbara Allen-Lampley
Charles Kulow	Larry Somer	Rusty Trask	Leslie Totah
Mary Hall	Chad Byrd	Lisa DeVries	John Tinoco
Weldon Cummings			

Darryl Lesak welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced City staff: Rachel Brown Education Specialist, Marie Lester Programs Coordinator, Darryl Lesak Assistant Director. Introduced the topic for discussion "What can YOU do?". Gave overview of previous meeting minutes and then introduced the idea of the panel taking on the task of creating an event or activities around Texas Recycles Day on November 15.

Marie Lester - Provided overview of the past recycling educational outreach initiatives which included Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation battery recycling at Lowes, Preserve Gimme 5 plastics recycling at schools, and an art bag contest with HEB.

Darryl Lesak – Opened the floor for a Question and Answer discussion session.

Discussion topic was VR CAP hosting an event for Texas Recycles Day with guidance and assistance from the City of Victoria. Texas Recycles Day is an outreach celebration held on November 15th. Suggestions were hosting Corporate Cup type event, hosting a recycling event at the Victoria Mall, hosting a business recycling competition (a month of collection, recycling various commodities) and giving a discount on water bills for recycling. Event planning discussion included advertising, targeting a select audience (schools, churches), event name (Recycle Victoria?), location, volunteers (Victoria College?), giveaway items (made from recycled materials?).

Darryl Lesak selected Meridith Byrd as chairperson for planning a Texas Recycles Day event. Meridith will host a small meeting before the next CAP meeting to continue planning.

Other discussion:

The Huvar Recycling Center is a collection site. Recyclable plastics and residential paper are sent to San Antonio, metals are recycled in Victoria, cardboard and paper from VKR schools is composted.

The City does not get money for paper recycling like some organizations do. Our paper stream is "mixed paper" and is valued lower than single stream paper. The City of Victoria currently composts recycled paper from the VKR program and cardboard from residential recycling. Composting is done by Texas Disposal Systems, who sells Garden-Ville products in Victoria under the name Coastal Grow.

Charles Kulow from the Victoria Advocate said that the Advocate bails their newsprint, and that they will accept newsprint from individuals as well between 8am-5pm. The Advocate ships their paper to Arizona, Texas, and Mexico and currently receives \$110 a ton for paper.

The City of Victoria does not buy recyclables. Recyclable metal can be sold for cash at Texas Port Recycling at 3105 Odem Street. They do not accept plastic, glass, cardboard or other recyclables. Texas Port Recycling can accommodate and coordinate recycling drives, contests and fundraisers.

The Huvar Recycling Center accepts plastics #1 and #2. The City reminds you to remove the caps before recycling. Barbara Allen-Lampley distributed a handout about plastic bottle recycling. The handout had facts about plastic bottle recycling including the fact that only 1 of 10 plastic bottles get recycling. She then mentioned that the main street revitalization committee is looking at doing green initiatives and perhaps the VR CAP could partner with them on recycling efforts downtown.

**Next Victoria Recycles CAP meeting:
June 24 5:15pm, 700 N Main, Room 204.**