

**CITY OF ANN ARBOR  
COMMERCIAL RECYCLING COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINTUES  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2006**

*Present: Tim Stark, Ida Hendrix, Wendi Felgner, Susan Pollay, Doug McClure, Scott Rosencrans, Steve Bean, Melissa VanDam, Margie Teall, Patricia Harroun, Dave Stead, Maggie Ladd, Jim Frey, Tom McMurtrie, Nancy Stone and Bryan Weinert*

**I. Updates**

Tim Stark noted that bio-diesel fuel is now available at his facility located in Whitmore Lake. Dave Stead shared highlights of William McDonough's recent speech in Ann Arbor on "Cradle to Cradle" resource management. Tom McMurtrie updated the group on the delay in implementing an earlier start time for waste and recycling crews in the downtown given resident's concerns.

**II. Peer Review Meetings**

The group discussed the overall success of the committee's recent "peer review" meetings at Arbor Brewing (Construction/Demolition, Organics and Multi-Tenant/Multi-Use). Based on feedback received, particularly concerning business requirements and solid waste franchising, another peer review session will take place on Thursday, November 30 from 7:30-9:00 a.m.

**III. Review of Draft Report Binder**

Jim Frey of RRSI walked the group through the draft final report binder with the following comments received:

- Solid Waste budget information needs to be provided and included
- A copy of the "enabling resolution" for the committee as passed by City Council needs to be included, as well as the Council item describing the membership of the committee
- Individual edits of the documents by members are encouraged, including the integration and consistency between the various sections
- The overall goals of the committee need to be summarized somewhere
- A "frequently asked questions" section should be added
- An "implementation committee will likely be needed to move these recommendations forward, and could include members of the existing recycling committee as people are able, and be done through the auspices of the City's Environmental Commission

- It will be very important for tight “specifications and standards” as we go out to bid on various pieces of this work, especially solid waste (refuse) franchising
- A specific summary sheet on “franchising” should be provided
- The document needs to show how this plan is efficiently using the City’s infrastructure investment in the materials recovery facility (MRF) and waste transfer station
- The earlier article provided from “Waste Age” on franchising pros/cons should be included in the final document
- The executive summary needs to be clear enough for a layperson to understand
- \$50,000 will continue to be the listed starting point for Construction/Demolition (C&D) waste separation requirements, but is subject to review as part of an implementation strategy
- Relating to C&D recommendations and others in the report—the emphasis should be on the City’s role in facilitating proper behavior, not “must-must-must”

#### **IV. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 30 in the 7<sup>th</sup> floor conference room of the City Center Building, immediately following the next peer review session (7:30-9:00 a.m.)

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