

APPROVED MINUTES
CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes: Regular meeting of Recycling and Source Reduction Advisory Commission
Meeting Date: January 27, 2009
Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Place: Committee Meeting Room

- I. ROLL** Chair Blake called to order the Milpitas Recycling and Source Reduction Advisory Commission at 7:02 p.m. Commissioners Cimino, Duong and Arthur were present. Commissioners Ablaza, Dye and Chen arrived later. Allied staff Jeanne Serpa was also in attendance. City staff Kathleen Phalen, Leslie Stobbe, and Elizabeth Koo were present.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** All
- III. SEATING OF ALTERNATES** Commissioners Judy Duong and Garrett Dye were seated as Alternates #1 and #2, respectively.
- IV. MINUTES** The minutes from the meeting of July 22, 2008.
- Motion to approve.
M/S: Echo/Cimino Ayes: All
- V. PUBLIC FORUM** Library Advisory Commissioners Sonny Wang (936 Coventry Circle) and Margie Stephens (1683 Rocky Mtn Ave) distributed pamphlets related to financial and book donations to the Milpitas Public Library.
- VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
New commissioners Duong and Dye briefly introduced themselves.
- Staff Koo briefly summarized the restructured agenda which combined Roundtable and Announcement sections to facilitate discussion.
- Leslie Stobbe, Public Information Specialist, was introduced as a RSRAC liaison.
- There was a brief discussion regarding anti-litter efforts in Milpitas.
- VII. AGENDA** The agenda for this meeting was approved.
- Motion to approve the agenda as submitted.
M/S: Echo/Cimino Ayes: All
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS**
2009 Work Plan – Staff Stobbe summarized RSRAC’s expressed interest at the last meeting in becoming a more proactive commission. Staff reviewed a PowerPoint presentation to assist RSRAC with work plan development. The work plan’s objective is to outline chosen topic areas of interest that are within the commission’s purpose as stated in its bylaws. Staff could disseminate readily-accessible information for commissioners’ use; however, the majority of the

research efforts would be the responsibility of each commissioner. Timeline for completion would depend upon the commission's comfort level.

Commissioners discussed work plan topics that were of personal interest and how each could participate. Commissioners have the ability to hold special meetings based upon their work plan need. Commissioners agreed to develop their own separate work plans which would be shared at the next meeting.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. *Election of Officers* – Chair Blake was reelected to his current position. Commissioner Ablaza was elected to the Vice-Chair position.
2. *2007 Diversion Report* – Staff Koo reported that the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) introduced a new disposal measurement system for local jurisdictions called the Disposal Measurement System Act (SB 1016). The focus is shifted from 50% disposal diversion to 50% disposal reduction of a jurisdiction's solid waste disposal over what it would have been given local factors. Calculations are used to determine actual and target disposal rates. A comparison of the two rates provides a gauge on how a jurisdiction is doing in meeting their 50% diversion requirement. A sample calculation was provided in the agenda packet. Staff will submit the final 2007 report by March 15, 2009.
3. *Single-Use Bag Discussion* – Staff Koo reported that public awareness related to single-use, carry-out bags was a growing topic of interest both locally and globally. The environmental impact of single-use bags is easily visible on a local level by the amount of litter on streets and waterways. One response to this concern has been the introduction of a single-use bag ban, notably those made of plastic. The County's Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission prepared a draft ordinance for countywide adoption. A copy of the ordinance was provided in the agenda packet. The ordinance would reduce the use of disposable bags through fees. It was suggested that the single-use, carry-out bag would be a possible work plan topic.

X. STAFF ACTIVITIES

Staff provided a brief overview of activities.

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Work Plan 2009 Discussion
Household Hazardous Waste Outreach
Solid Waste Management Plan
Solid Waste Disposal Technology

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m.
M/S: Ablaza/Cimino

Ayes: All