

Public Works Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

Public Works Department

CAC Representatives Present

Dr. Arnold Abrams

Mr. Phil Bomersheim

Dr. Harold Cones

Ms. Lois Custer

Ms. Sandra Davis

Ms. Sharyn Fox

Mr. Thomas Herbert

Ms. Crystal Hill

Ms. Sharron Kitchen Miller

CAC Representatives Absent

Ms. Artistine Reid

Ms. Elsy Henriquez (youth representative)

Public Works Representatives

Ms. Dori Brown, Solid Waste Division

Mr. H. Reed Fowler, Jr., Administration Division

Mr. Michael Mee, Solid Waste Division Administrator

Mr. Tim Shockley, Solid Waste Division Assistant Administrator

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Vice Chairperson, Dr. Cones.

Approve Meeting Minutes

A motion made by Lois Custer and seconded by Sharron Kitchen Miller passed to approve the March 21, 2006 meeting minutes as amended.

Vice-Chairperson Position

Dr. Cones agreed to serve another term as Vice Chairperson of the CAC.

CAC Meeting Schedule for 2006

The CAC agreed to the following meeting schedule for the remainder of the calendar year:

- June 20, 2006
- July and August – Summer Hiatus (no CAC meetings scheduled)
- September 19, 2006
- October 17, 2006
- November 14, 2006 (this meeting is tentatively moved up a week to avoid Thanksgiving vacations)
- December 2006 – Holiday Hiatus (no CAC meeting scheduled)

Unless advertised otherwise, all meetings will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Public Works Department Conference Room.

Residential “Street Sweeping” Public forum Recap

Staff distributed photographs of the signage posted in the pilot area for the Alternate Street Sweeping program and the Self-Street Sweeping/Adopt a Spot program. It was reported to the CAC that the alternate street sweeping program began on May 16th and the Street Division noted that adherence to the guidelines of the pilot program was very good in the pilot area with residents moving their parked cars to the other side of the street to allow for the sweepers to collect curbside debris. Ms. Custer stated that the Adopt a Spot program element of the pilot was also receiving good participation.

Bulk Waste Presentation/Discussion

Mr. Mee provided a bulk waste PowerPoint presentation that included a financial analysis and review (i.e., budgeted and unanticipated overtime expenses), a summary of the status of the bulk collection equipment fleet (vehicle lifespan and mileage logged to date); and a review of the challenges faced by the Bulk Waste program with potential solutions for CAC member consideration.

This presentation spurred ample discussion of the cost, effectiveness, efficiency, and environmental effects of the existing program. Discussion points ranged from a call-in bulk waste collection program to coordinating bulk waste collection with the every other week recycling collection program. CAC members requested redistribution of the CAC bulk waste recommendation letter sent to former City Manager, Ed Maroney, as well as, any written response from the City Manager.

Significant discussion was also undertaken on the need for another pilot program to acquire current resident sentiment and cost savings data. The previous bulk waste pilot was conducted in 2004.

Ms. Fox requested that each CAC member bring with them to the June meeting a list of written suggestions for how to improve the current bulk waste collection system. Due to the immediate need for improvement to the existing program, CAC members noted their anxiety to not let their consensus on a recommendation take too long.

Other Issues

- Sharyn Fox requested that the September 19, 2006 meeting readdress the issue of leaf collection.
- With CAC member support, Mr. Fowler advised that the Public Works website include a listing of reuse organizations and alternative disposal options for unwanted bulky items.

Meeting adjourned

7:08 p.m.