

**MEETING MINUTES
RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE REDUCTION BOARD
TUESDAY, June 8, 2021
Online Zoom meeting**

1) Call to Order

Marlow called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

2) Attendance

Members Present: Brown, Hairston, Jacobs, Marlow, Mifflin, Little, Sickler and Stelzer.

Absent: Castro, Shreya and Swiger

Also Present: Edward Orozco (West U Public Works)

3) Agenda Order

There were no changes to Agenda order, except to move the Recycling Survey discussion down a little further in the Agenda.

4) Approval of Minutes

Sickler moved to approve the May 2021 Minutes and Brown seconded. Carried unanimously.

5) Board Member Reports—Business/Action Items

a. New Neighbor program —Jerome\ Board

Brown said there were 11 new neighbors for this month and he would assign them shortly. Brown said to let him know if anyone needed supplies for their new neighbor packages. The Board also discussed with Orozco the status of the door hanger organizer for the New Neighbor documents.

b. Social Media -Themes:

The Board discussed the social media blasts for June (HHW) and July (Contamination) that will be put out on a rotating basis during the month on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and NextDoor Neighbor. The August theme will be discussed at the July Board meeting. Hairston will follow up with Orozco and Marlow for the updated dissemination schedule. Hairston will be soliciting ideas from Board members during each month regarding ideas of these social media postings in line with the themes.

c. July 4, 2021 event:

The City will not allow any booths for this event this year.

d. Currents articles discussion (Currents articles discussion and schedule) – Board

The Contamination article for the City Currents is ready and is at the printer. The HHW article for the City Currents is being finalized for submission to Orozco.

e. Recycling Survey – results discussion – Board and Staff

The Board spent a good part of the Board meeting discussing the Recycling and Solid Waste Survey results. The Board discussed the number of residents that participated in the Survey. The Board had a focused discussion on curbside food waste collection. Marlow will provide the Board members with details on the pricing that the City has obtained for the various types of food waste collection programs (Saturday central collection by private vendor, weekly curbside collection by private vendor and the City's weekly curbside collection). This should assist the Board members in providing additional information on this type of program. The Board will continue its Survey discussions for the next several meetings to discuss what if any steps the Board should take or recommend.

f. Upcoming events:

There are no upcoming events this Summer for the Board.

g. Miscellaneous (such other items discussed by the Board)

Jacobs told the Board that the City of Bellaire was having a drive thru recycling event on June 12th. Jacobs asked that Orozco talk to the City of Bellaire to see how they were handling scrap metal at this event to see if it was something that West U could do at their shredding events. Since the City's shredding events do much more (electronics recycling and mattresses) the Board discussed the possibility of changing the name of the shredding event. The Board also discussed the possibility of adding small battery recycling to the shredding event. The Board will discuss these items at the next several meetings.

6) West U Staff Report

Orozco did not have the final numbers for the May recycling and trash statistics. Once he gets them from the vendors he will draft and send the report to Marlow for distribution to the Board.

7) Chairman's Report/ Board Member Comments

Nothing further to report at this time.

8) Adjournment

Brown moved to adjourn. Jacobs seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Adjournment at 7:06 pm.