



CITY OF DORAL

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The mission of the Doral Environmental Advisory Committee is to make recommendations to the Doral City Council for the sustainment of a safe, healthful, tranquil quality of life for those who live, work and play in the City of Doral, while conserving and protecting the natural resources of the area.

Friday, January 6, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

**REUTER RECYCLING FACILITY
PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA**

1. Special Meeting: A special meeting for the Doral Environmental Advisory Board took place at the Reuter Recycling Facility in Pembroke Pines, FL. The purpose of the meeting was to learn more about the process by which our waste is recycled in South Florida. The board felt that this understanding and assurance of the legitimacy of the recycling system was critical to the future of the recycling program in the City of Doral.

2. Members in attendance

Mr. Morgan Levy, Vice Chair
Ms. Stephanie Long, Secretary

3. Facility Tour: A tour of the facility was convened by Shiraz Kasher, a Community Outreach Coordinator for Waste Management. The tour began with a brief overview of the types of recyclable waste that enters the facility via a presentation by Mr. Kasher.

The recycling facility was initially constructed as a composting facility in the late 80's, but was then retro-fitted as a recycling plant. It receives recycling from many counties in Florida including Broward, Miami-Dade, Munroe, Palm Beach, Stuart, Martin, etc.

Recyclable waste enters the facility in a single stream, which means mixed plastic, paper, aluminum, etc. The facility then sorts the materials in several stages, including mechanical, electromagnetic, optical, eddy current and even hand-sorting. The majority of the waste is paper. The facility spends four hours after every shift removing plastic bags which get tangled up in the machinery, a downed machine was on-site illustrating the importance of proper recycling.

The final process in the facility is baling. The separated materials are baled and placed on shipping containers which go to the Port of Miami or Port Everglades. Some of their buyers include paper companies like Georgia-Pacific. Carpet makers buy the plastics.

4. Adjournment at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Stephanie Long

Motion to approve the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Board Special Meeting (Friday, January 6, 2012) made by Mr. Carmenates and seconded by

Ms. Long.

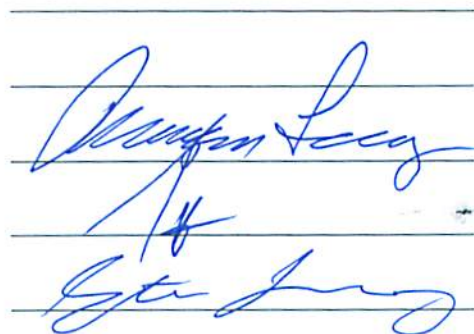
Chair Kathie Sigler

DEAC Member Luis Casado

DEAC Member Morgan Levy

DEAC Member Nelson Carmenates

DEAC Member Stephanie Long



Kathie Sigler, Chair