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**City of Cleveland Heights  
Refuse & Recycling Task Force**

**5/2/19 Meeting Minutes  
Cleveland Heights City Hall – Council Chambers – 6:00 p.m.**

Ms. Constance Johnson said good evening everyone. I would like to get things underway. We have three members that will not be attending this evening because of their schedule conflicts, and we're waiting still on Carin Miller. I wanted to begin by asking if everyone had an opportunity to read the minutes that were sent in your email? Questions or concerns? Can you help me out with Roberts rules can I accept them.

Mr. John Blackwell said that you have to have a motion for approval. Motion to approve.

Ms. Johnson asked if there was a second.

Ms. Susan Clement seconded the motion.

Ms. Johnson waived the formality of a vote and approved the minutes.

Ms. Johnson said we have some time dedicated for old business. Some things that may have come up in the past, and a couple of weeks in your research. Is there anything that you would like to put on the table, anything that needs to be discussed?

Ms. Cathy Lehn said I would like to propose that as a part of our research that we take a field trip to Kimble to see the recycling facility. I think that it would be very informative for all of us.

Ms. Johnson said tell me about Kimble? I am not familiar.

Ms. Lehn said they are a recycling hauler. We can get a sense of how they sort all of the material that we send to them.

Mr. Blackwell said I have been there several times, and it is a real eye opener to see how the sorting is done.

Ms. Johnson said it sounds like a really good resource. Do you know about availability for the tour?

Mr. Blackwell said I have a contact down there, Don Johnson, and he's always been very helpful. This is in Twinsburg, and it'll take us about 50 minutes to get there, particularly if we go at rush hour. If we go at rush hour it will take about an hour and a half.

Ms. Johnson said okay so we're going to try and not do that. Welcome Carin [Miller]. Cathy made the suggestion that we visit Kimble which is a recycling plant, and John if volunteering to reach out to a gentleman named Don Johnson to find out about availability, and when we can schedule. Is everyone okay with that idea, is it a good idea to go out and visit.

Mr. Blackwell said I am willing to do the scheduling but it would probably be better if someone from the city were to call and ask.

Ms. Johnson said Joe is that your work.

Mr. Joe Kickel said yeah we'd be more than glad to look into it and get in touch with them if that's what the task force would like to do.

Ms. Johnson said considering the schedule that we have laid out are we open to picking another day other than that alternate Thursday so that we can maintain scheduling. Is that a possibility?

Ms. Collette Clinkscale said I'm not sure if they offer alternate times. I am just looking at their website and their hours of operation are from 7:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Ms. Johnson said Monday through Friday?

Ms. Clinkscale said Monday through Friday, closed Saturday and Sunday. Yes.

Mr. Blackwell said this is Kimble you're looking at right.

Ms. Clinkscale said in Twinsburg.

Mr. Blackwell said I've taken groups of students there and we have left case at about 3:30, and they have accommodated us. People had been working. They work shifts.

Ms. Clinkscale said we can see if they are willing to make accommodations.

Mr. Kickel said we will make some calls. If I can make a suggestion, if we want to incorporate this into things we may want to look back at the schedule and kind of slide it in before we begin talking about finances. Maybe, push the meetings down. I'm sorry I do not have a copy of the schedule with me.

Ms. Johnson said the next meeting is May 16<sup>th</sup>, and May 30<sup>th</sup> is the recycling operations meeting. So you're saying prior to the 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Kickel said I would recommend that we should work it around the recycling operations, so we should try to do it before or after we talk about our operations. We would kind of just push all of the meetings out two weeks.

Ms. Johnson said so definitely before the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr. Kickel said that's probably a good idea, but we'll have to check with their availability.

Ms. Johnson said so just to confirm, John you're going to get in touch with Joe and pass on your contact information for Don Johnson.

Mr. Blackwell said yes.

Ms. Johnson said and Joe is going to look into that for us and give us a couple of dates and options because we have to work with as much availability as possible recognizing that might not be possible for everyone to attend. So we'll be trusting each other to take notes and share information with each other.

Ms. Susan Efroymsen said so I have a question. There was a discussion about having a date to discuss finances, and specifically go over that. So is that actually on the schedule at this point.

Ms. Johnson said what we talked about, no there isn't a specific date set. We do have the automated collection that discussion includes costs. What we talked about was in that last 3 or 4 meetings there's going to be some moving around. We're going to have to know what pace were on, and where we're at in the process, and there might be additional meetings or extended meetings. As we get closer to that point we'll start to break it down even more.

Ms. Efroymsen said okay, so the conversation was had that we will address finances at some point. We just don't know exactly when.

Ms. Johnson said I don't know if anyone specifically said those words, but I think that it is a given.

Ms. Efroymsen said okay, it just wasn't clear from the minutes.

Ms. Johnson said I think it was one of those situations where the word cost does come up in the meeting proposal and the meeting schedule. From that perspective anyway, I think because we're talking about switching cost is just a thing of it. Let's not forget the bottom line. So are we settled on that particular issue? Cool. Thank you for that suggestion. The idea that we're all available for scheduling, and an issue that was brought up through the email. Some people were not available to be here tonight. I wanted to talk to you guys about the possibility of rescheduling. What availability would be for that? Would we have to have a single reschedule date or would individual task force members be able to come in and take a look around.

Ms. Clinkscale said for those that miss the tour tonight, it would be ideal if we could get all three of them at one time, and take them through the facility, and we're pretty flexible as far as when we can arrange that.

Ms. Johnson said it looks like they're already ahead of the game with that.

Ms. Clinkscale said we'll set that up.

Ms. Johnson said was there anything else that you would like to bring up from you previous readings or old business. Okay, moving forward. We are well ahead of schedule.

Ms. Lehn said I think this is new business, but I wanted to make sure that everyone knew that the task force was highlighted in article in the Heights Observer. In the May issue.

Mr. Blackwell said are there any lying around.

Ms. Johnson said let us adjourn to board the vans.

Ms. Clinkscale said we ran into a little mix up with being able to get one van to transport everyone tonight, so Joe and I are both going to drive. We can fit probably everyone into our vehicles.

Ms. Efroymsen said I have a van that can seat eight if that's helpful.

Ms. Johnson said that's very helpful.

[Group discussed how many people can fit in each vehicle]

[Task force members loaded into vehicles and were transported to the Service Garage Facility]

[Mr. Tony Torres was already on site to greet the group]

Mr. Tony Torres said this is our service garage, it's where we house everything it was built probably somewhere in the 50s or 60s, it's been here since I started in the 80s, as you can see we've outgrown it, we have a lot more equipment than we had in the 80s.

Mr. Torres said this over here to your left would be our vehicle maintenance division.

Ms. Clinkscale said for our vehicle maintenance division we have a day shift and an evening shift, so we have a shift that is working now from 3-11 p.m.

Mr. Torres led the group into the vehicle repair area and said this is where we fix everything. We have a staff of seven mechanics, 3 at night, and 4 during the day.

Ms. Clinkscale explained the layout of the facility with police cars on one side, and larger vehicles on the other side, she also informed the group that the city has a small equipment repair area, a body shop, and a tire shop.

Mr. Blackwell asked how many staff they have in the garage?

Ms. Clinkscale responded we have four during the day, and three during the evening. It's hard to find mechanics. We're finding that younger adults are not going into auto mechanics. We have a position now in Forestry that we're having a problem filling. We've had a mechanic position opened for about 5 or 6 months, and the supervisor has been going to the trade schools trying to put the word out, and we just lost another mechanic last week.

Ms. Efroymsen asked so seven if fully staffed, or seven is what you have now?

Ms. Clinkscale responded seven is what we have now.

Ms. Efroymsen asked ideally you want nine?

Ms. Clinkscale responded yes.

[Unknown/Unclear] asked how often are the Refuse and Recycling trucks in for repairs?

Mr. Torres said daily.

[Unknown/Unclear] asked if we upgrade the trucks does the maintenance and repairs stay in house, or is the maintenance taken care of by the manufacturer?

Mr. Torres answered a new vehicle comes with a 1 year warranty. After one year, the city would be responsible for any repairs. During the warranty period, any service related items would be the city's responsibility.

Ms. Clinkscale said that there are some repairs that we do not perform in house, and are sometimes sent out to another shop.

[The group exited the repair facility]

Ms. Clinkscale informed the group about the layout of the garage, and how different divisions park in certain areas.

Mr. Torres showed the group a recycling truck that the city purchased in 2005 at a cost of \$150,000. He explained that the truck was involved in an accident and was taken out of service, but is still being kept in the garage to scavenge parts off of it.

Mr. Torres showed the group one of the claw trucks that they use to pick up bulk items and loose brush, one is a model year 2000, and the other is a 2008.

Mr. Torres showed the group one of the newer front loading trucks and explained how the truck works.

Mr. Torres said the truck the group is looking at is a 2008, he said that he has two that are 2008 model years, and one that is a 2010.

[Unknown/Unclear] asked what is the useful life?

Mr. Torres said up in Ohio, about ten years because of the road conditions, and the weather.

Ms. Efroymsen said so they're all at the end of their useful life?

Mr. Torres said yeah they're pretty much at the end of their useful life. I have two newer ones. One is four years old, and the other is five. They're stopping at 650 homes a day, stop-go, stop-go. It's a lot harder on a vehicle than regular over the road driving.

Mr. Blackwell said he understands that there is a higher rate of injuries involved with this type of work.

Mr. Torres said he currently has an employee that has been on light duty for 6 months with a torn shoulder. I have a couple of employees who pulled up to a stop, stepped out of the vehicle into a hole, and twisted their ankle. I have another employee who had a right shoulder and hip replacement.

Ms. Clinkscale said we have an employee who just returned last week who has been out for six months.

Ms. Lehn asked how many staff work for the Refuse & Recycling Division.

Mr. Torres said he has a staff of 27 including him, which includes refuse, recycling, and transfer station.

Mr. Kickel asked how many drivers do you have that collect refuse, and how many collect recycling.

Mr. Torres said there are five full time refuse drivers, three recycling drivers, and two drivers collecting all of the yard waste.

Ms. Johnson asked is the staffing level consistent, or has it changed.

Mr. Torres said we downsized the staffing, and have been maintaining the current level of staffing for about four years.

Ms. Efroymsen said so you said you have 27 on staff, five refuse, three recycling, and two bagged yard waste, so the rest of them are mechanical?

Mr. Torres responded I have two guys that are on the mini-packer that are responsible for all of the city cans, all of the condominiums, all of the litter debris. I have two bulk drivers, and I have five semi drivers, I have an operator for the transfer station, and two foremen.

Ms. Efroymsen asked and all of this is exclusive for refuse & recycling, and there is no overlap with other divisions.

Mr. Torres said yes.

Ms. Lehn asked if the trucks are used exclusively for recycling, and exclusively for waste.

Mr. Torres said yes, the only time the trucks are changed is if we have a breakdown. The drivers are assigned to their truck, and they have the same route week after week.

Ms. Johnson asked what do you consider to be the most pressing matter, if you had to pick, where would you start.

Mr. Torres said where would I start? I would start with the solid waste part of it.

Ms. Johnson asked is that where the equipment is the oldest or most broken down.

Mr. Torres said the most broken down. Between that and the recycling I have two trucks that are down, and we are now using the rear packers.

Mr. Kickel said that we can go take a look at those.

Ms. Lehn asked are you composting the leaves.

Mr. Torres said the leaves are being sent out to Madden Brothers in Akron, Ohio. They do the composting for us, we do not have enough storage area for the material.

Mr. Kickel said leaves are one thing, but mixed yard waste is another story. A lot of facilities do not want that material due to contamination. Once a composting facility accepts material with trash in it, they are subject to fines from the EPA for accepting trash at a non-registered trash facility.

Ms. Clinkscale said they have had entire loads rejected at a facility. We've found all sorts of things in the kraft bags.

Mr. Torres said many facilities want the leaves, but do not want the bagged yard waste.

Mr. Kickel informed the group that we ran a graphic in the bi-weekly newsletter about separating your yard waste.

Ms. Johnson asked if you have an estimated cost for when a truck is rejected. If a truck is rejected, what is the process?

Ms. Miller asked so the places will charge a fee if a load is contaminated?

Mr. Torres said either way they still charge us a fee. We pay \$15.50 a ton for bagged yard waste.

Mr. Kickel said they may turn the load away, they may fine the city, or they may tell the city that they do not want any more material from the city because they keep sending contaminated material.

Ms. Johnson said that's the thing that scares me.

Ms. Clinkscale said we have had that happen.

Mr. Torres said that's what happened with Kurtz Brothers last year down in Independence. They kicked us out because our material was so contaminated.

Mr. Blackwell said you say you produced something to publicize for the residents.

Mr. Kickel said the graphic was about what materials were acceptable for source separated yard waste, and what materials were not.

Ms. Miller asked is one of the biggest contaminants is the plastic bags that mulch and soil come in.

Mr. Torres said yes, and unfortunately we do not see that because people may place them in the bottom of the kraft bags, and the bags start ripping when they are dumping them at the facility, and that's when the trash is spotted.

Ms. Efroymsen asked if the city still piles leaves at Forest Hills Park.

Mr. Kickel said that the city now dumps leaves at Lakeview Cemetery. It is an EPA registered composting facility.

Ms. Clinkscale clarified that it is not really a composting facility, rather a staging facility where we stage leaves to be transported out.

Mr. Kickel said leaves are a separate story, everyone wants leaves, nobody wants material in the brown kraft paper bags. We recently bid out a refuse contract for

landfilling, and as an alternate to the contract we had yard waste for the providers like Kimble to accept our yard waste, and none of them submitted a bid.

Mr. Kickel noted how the president of Rumpke joked at the bid opening “good luck with that one.”

Mr. Torres said this is one of our rear packers, they’re a two man truck, we use them when a truck is out of service, we use them for bulk collection, we use them for yard waste, and we use them for house-to-house.

Ms. Johnson said is this the 2008 purchase?

Mr. Torres said this is a 1999, and we bought it from the City of Lyndhurst for \$15,000.

Mr. Kickel asked where is the South Euclid truck?

Mr. Torres said it’s in the body shop.

Mr. Kickel said we just bought one from them and it’s a 1983 [1986].

Ms. Efroymsen said so these things last forever?

Mr. Kickel said they rust out, and the mechanical parts ware out over time.

Ms. Efroymsen said but we just bought one that was a 1983?

Mr. Kickel said I guess it was in good shape, and the price was right. I think they only charged the city \$800.00.

Ms. Miller asked what year is this truck.

Mr. Kickel said it’s a 1999.

Mr. Torres directed the group to another truck and said this is the second of the recycling trucks that we purchased in 2005.

Mr. Kickel said these were the trucks that the city originally used for one man collection, until they more recently made the switch to the front loaders for one man collection.

Mr. Torres said you can see how rotted this is, and actually we just replaced this section. If you look on the other side of the truck it's not as bad, because the curb side picks up all of the road salt.

Ms. Johnson said you have a person that replaced this.

Mr. Torres said yes.

Ms. Johnson said you guys are good.

[Unknown/Unclear] said is this the one where the plastic bags get stuck in the mechanism.

Mr. Torres said no, they usually don't. We've never had an issue with that.

Mr. Torres said that this is the very first recycling truck that we ever had, it was 1996, and we recently took it out of service.

Ms. Efrogmson said so you're using this for parts now?

Mr. Torres said yes. The parts for these trucks are very expensive. We just took a steering cylinder off of this one to put onto this truck. If we had to purchase a new one from Lodal it would be about \$1500.

Mr. Kickel said these trucks [Lodal] are very proprietary. They are built from the frame up. A Mack truck is a Mack truck, parts are more readily available and it's a lot different. The bodies are separate. The trucks are purchased in two pieces.

Mr. Blackwell asked what does it cost for one of those trucks.

Mr. Kickel said one of those front loading Mack trucks are around \$300,000.

Mr. Torres said about \$325,000.

Mr. Kickel said conservatively they are around \$330,000 to \$350,000.

Ms. Kelly Menaker said so if we get new trucks they will be completely different than these trucks or would we keep these trucks for parts?

Mr. Torres said we would keep any trucks that are in good shape for back-ups in the event that a new truck was to break down.

Ms. Menaker said my concern would be space in the garage.

Mr. Torres said these trucks would be filtered out.

Mr. Blackwell asked what is the typical lifetime?

Mr. Torres said anywhere from 10 to 15 years. At 15 years, you're really pushing it.

Ms. Lehn said so how many new trucks do you need to buy?

Ms. Johnson said need or want.

Ms. Clinkscale said seven trucks.

Mr. Torres said yes seven trucks, but five would be my blessing.

Mr. Kickel said if they asked you what do you need to update your refuse and recycling operation how many trucks what would you say.

Mr. Torres said five.

Mr. Kickel said so you currently have five routes right?

Mr. Torres said that we would reduce to four routes, and retro fit a truck.

Mr. Kickel said if you didn't retrofit.

Mr. Torres said six.

Ms. Lehn said is that for both refuse and recycling.

Mr. Torres said yes.

Ms. Lehn said so it was three and three?

Mr. Torres said it's for four and one, plus a back-up.

[Unknown/Unclear] asked has the city ever considered separating recycling on-site.

Mr. Torres said the city had done this before and it was too costly. We had a staff of 34 employees at the time.

Ms. Johnson asked if a truck does come back, what do you do with a contaminated load.

Mr. Torres said we would have to landfill it. When we got kicked out of Kurtz Brothers, we had to send the truck down to Coventry and go through it with the payloader. The loader separated the trash from the yard waste, and the trash was loaded into a dump truck where it was then dumped at the transfer station.

Ms. Johnson said I'm wondering about the educational aspect of things. What can we do about this? Fixing the trucks is one thing, but the issues with recycling are another problem. We have to get into the mindset of our neighbors, possibly assign a dollar amount to the cost of this.

Mr. Kickel said that was one of the things we presented at the original council meeting, that whatever direction the city decides to take, it needs to be accompanied by a well thought out educational program. It may take months.

Ms. Clinkscale said one of the things that Diane Bickett will talk about, is that when cities have converted to the use of carts they have seen improved recycling.

Ms. Miller said yes, I have seen these studies.

Ms. Efroymsen said when they convert to what?

Ms. Miller said when they change to the automated method.

[There is a multiple person group discussion about benefits of carts, placing recycling graphics on the carts, increasing effectiveness.]

Ms. Johnson said we should take notes as we do our research, and I think that we should make recommendations about all of the education that we are learning.

Ms. Miller said there are a lot of resources out there, and we don't have to totally re-invent the wheel. Other people have done research on how to adjust recycling behavior.

Ms. Johnson agreed.

Mr. Blackwell said his understanding is that about 50% of the population (nationally) recycles, what is the percentage of Cleveland Heights.

Ms. Miller said that information like that is in the County Solid Waste District's annual report. It shows recycling rates and yard waste rates.

Ms. Johnson asked Mr. Torres what is the bare bones minimum that you might need?

Ms. Clinkscale said I don't think that he could answer that question right now.

Mr. Blackwell said it can be hard to know what the need is, especially if the dynamic changes.

Ms. Johnson agreed and said we were trying to get a snapshot of what Mr. Torres needs based on his current experience and his past experience. You are right the need might change based on our recommendations. I was not looking for something hard and fast, but rather input from someone who is on the ground.

Ms. Lehn said about collecting leaves, doesn't the city use a vacuum truck?

Mr. Kickel said during leaf season, the street department uses the payloader with a claw on the front to collect the leaves and load them into dump trucks.

Ms. Efroymsen said why does the city pile the leaves in the street, and they're there for so long that people have to zig-zag around them.

Mr. Kickel explained the process in further detail, and why the city uses the current leaf collection process.

Ms. Efroymsen said so Cleveland Heights is not the only city where people have to complain about zig-zagging around the leaf piles. Is there a more efficient way to make the zig-zagging last less time?

Ms. Clinkscale said usually an entire crew works one street at a time until it is completed.

Mr. Kickel said it may appear that way when crews are first pulling the piles of leaves into the street.

[Unknown/Unclear - Multiple people talking at one time]

Ms. Miller said let's get back on track.

Mr. Kickel said let's finish our tour of the facility, and we can broach these topics when we get into our recycling meeting.

[The group walked by the Street Division Equipment as they make their way to the Transfer Station].

Mr. Torres said yard waste, trash, and recycling all come to the transfer station.

Mr. Kickel said the building was built in 1947, with modifications in 1972.

Mr. Torres said the building was originally an incinerator, and it was converted to the dumping pits in 1972. Currently we have six semis and six trailers. We have five semis that travel to Shiloh, Ohio daily to Rumpke's landfill, and one semi that hauls recycling to Kimble's facility in Twinsburg.

Ms. Miller said how many trips per week?

Mr. Torres said 25 to Shiloh, and 5 to Kimble.

Mr. Kickel explained how the trucks connect to the transfer station and how they are loaded with mechanical compactors. The trailers can hold up to 75 cubic yards.

Mr. Torres said they hold 22-24 tons.

Ms. Menaker said what kind of shape are the trucks are in?

Mr. Torres said I don't think that I have a truck older than 8 years.

[Unknown/Unclear] what is the useful life of these trucks?

Mr. Torres said 15 to 20 years. Typically a semi-tractor can run about a million miles.

Mr. Torres invited everyone to come back and look at the compactor units.

Mr. Torres explained the mechanics of the compactor units. The last time we put the compactors in it was \$220,000. We do some of the maintenance and repairs in house. This cylinder separated from the ram, and we had to have a repair company come in and put a new pin in. It was \$985.

Ms. Efroymsen said what's the useful life was of the push pit compactors.

Mr. Torres said they have been in since 1992, and they are 17 years old. I estimate the useful life at about 20 years. We're hoping to get more than that out of them.

Mr. Kickel said we are in the process of wrapping up a structural analysis of the ramp. We previously conducted a structural analysis of the building.

[Group walked upstairs to see the dumping area/control room]

Mr. Torres showed the group the two separate pits, one for recycling, and the other for the trash.

[Unknown/Unclear] asked would the system of dumping still be the same if the city switched to utilizing automated collection.

Mr. Torres said yes.

Mr. Kickel said we weigh all of the material that comes in so we know how much is being loaded onto a trailer.

Mr. Torres said we have to weigh everything that comes in. It's required by the EPA.

Ms. Menaker said most cities do not have a transfer station like this?

Mr. Torres said no, we're blessed to have one. I believe Rocky River has one.

Ms. Efroymsen said what do people do without them?

Mr. Torres said they transport out. We have a transfer station, so does Rocky River, and so does Shaker. No one else does, but they all have newer equipment to transport out.

Ms. Clement said so if you're talking the difference between private and for us to own it. Those who don't have a transfer station, they have a private person pick it up.

Mr. Torres said University Heights has in house service, but they go out to Solon to dump their trash. Probably a 20 minute drive.

Ms. Miller said and do you know how much they pay for that.

Mr. Torres said I believe it's almost \$43 per ton where right now we're paying \$14.65 per ton, then you have to add your fees, so we're paying about \$22 per ton for us to truck all the way down to Shiloh.

Ms. Clinkscale said our transfer station is actually grandfathered in. If we were to close it, we could never re-open it.

Mr. Torres said we could never build another one, and if we wanted to transport it out, none of our trucks could ever make it to the highway.

Ms. Lehn asked what about South Euclid?

Mr. Torres said no, they have Kimble, they're automated. They got out of the business about ten years ago. It just became too much for them. Equipment, fees, trying to transport out, it just became too expensive for them. For us, because we have our own transfer station it's cheaper for us to collect in house and transport out.

Ms. Menaker said would you take contracts and be a facility for other communities?

Mr. Torres said we have. We had University Heights here for a while, and they got onto the County's consortium contract, and stopped doing business with us. Right now we have Case Western Reserve that comes here. We take all of their trash, and all of their recycling, and we charge them for the trash. So we really don't make that much money because we have the cost of our staff and equipment.

Ms. Efroymsen said in theory is that a business that we should be looking for from a lucrative point of view, or not really?

Mr. Torres said not really.

Mr. Kickel said most places are not interested. We've offered other companies to dump here, from other communities, and they were not interested.

Mr. Torres said to be honest with you if we did, we'd probably have more problems with our equipment. They have a lot of waste, and we don't have the trailers to keep up with it, and their trailers won't be able to hook up to our transfer station.

Mr. Kickel said Shaker Heights' transfer station uses a different kind of trailer.

Mr. Torres said they load from the top, so we can't even switch with them even if we wanted to.

Mr. Kickel said if our station breaks down sometimes we may go to Shaker Heights and they'll let us dump there.

Ms. Miller said Shaker has their own transfer station, I was thinking Rocky River.

Mr. Torres said the only problem with Shaker is that they have a private company that hauls their solid waste out. They have their own trailer for yard waste, but all of the solid waste hauling is contracted out. We haven't been there in about seven years, we haven't had any major breakdowns where we had to go somewhere else.

Mr. Blackwell asked how many tons are you moving?

Mr. Torres said right now per day we're on an average of about 75.87 tons per day, and as far as recycling, we're doing about 9 tons per day, and the yard waste is about 11.07 tons per day. Right now is our heavy season for yard waste.

[The group returned to the parking area]

Ms. Johnson asked are we allowed to adjourn here?

Mr. Kickel said you can adjourn here.

Ms. Efroymsen moved to adjourn the meeting.

Ms. Lehn seconded.

Ms. Johnson waived the formality of a vote and adjourned the meeting.