

Subject:	May 18, 2022 Pinellas Partners in Recycling (PPR) Meeting Notes	Attendees:	See Below
Notes By:	Jack Crooks, City of St. Petersburg	Location:	Virtual

Call to Order:

Chair Deanna Doss called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. Emily LeMay went over Zoom etiquette.

Review of March 16, 2022 Meeting Notes:

No objections to notes as written.

Attendees:

Sign-in sheet has been made part of the record.

Name	Organization
Melody Yin	City of Clearwater
Savannah Bennett	City of Clearwater
Natalie Gass	City of Dunedin
Cedric Harris	City of Indian Rocks Beach
Lauren Fatkin	City of Largo
Patti Ludington	City of Safety Harbor
Rodney Due	City of Seminole
Shawn Shimko	City of South Pasadena
Andy Butterfield	City of St. Pete Beach
Jack Crooks	City of St. Petersburg
Joe Vitale	City of St. Petersburg
Nick Gerakios	City of Tarpon Springs
Scott Witt	City of Tarpon Springs
Amy Siuda	Eckerd College
Shannon Gowans	Eckerd College
Lara Milligan	Extension - IFAS
Chris Perry	Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection
Jennifer Simmons	Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection
Karen Moore	Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection
Jabbar Graham	Goodwill Suncoast
Jennifer Pope	Biobag USA

Name	Organization
Marissa Segundo	HDR
Danny Gallagher	Hillsborough County
Kathryn Mihalek	Independent Consultant
Stephanie Lawler-Ellington	Keep Pinellas Beautiful
Chas Jordan	Kessler Consulting
Rachelle Dobbs	Pasco County
Ashley Wyland	Pinellas County Dept. of Solid Waste
Catherine Eichner	Pinellas County Dept. of Solid Waste
Emily LeMay	Pinellas County Dept. of Solid Waste
Jasmine Scott	Pinellas County Dept. of Solid Waste
Kiana Sladicki	Pinellas County Dept. of Solid Waste
Paul Sacco	Pinellas County Dept. of Solid Waste
Stephanie Watson	Pinellas County Dept. of Solid Waste
Joe Morrissey	Pinellas County Attorney's Office
Amelia Brown	Tampa Bay Water
Brianna Kmec	Tampa Bay Water
Wilfred Holmes	Town of Belleair
Ryan Austin	Waste Connections
Ed Farmer	Waste Pro
Tracy Meehan	Waste Pro

Introductions: Amelia Brown, Tampa Bay Water; Ed Farmer, Waste Pro

Presentation: Shannon Gowans, PhD and Amy Siuda, PhD, Eckerd College
Shannon Gowans (Professor of Marine Science and Biology) and Amy Siuda (Associate Professor of Marine Science) lead the Tampa Bay Microplastics Monitoring Project and the Reduce Single-Use (RSU) Project at Eckerd College. They discussed an app they are developing to help reduce single-use plastics.

Shannon Gowans: gowanss@eckerd.edu

Amy Siuda: siudaan@eckerd.edu

RSU project: reducesingleuse@eckerd.edu

Learn more:

<https://microplastic.eckerd.edu/>

<https://reduce.eckerd.edu/>

Presentation [recording](#) and [PowerPoint slides](#) saved to PPR SharePoint site.



State Updates:

FDEP-

- Karen Moore, discussed that the counties' solid waste management (recycling) reports with 2021 information will be available soon. School recycling curriculum will be going live soon (several weeks).
- Chris Perry discussed Trex who will be introducing a new program called NexTrex to recycle plastic film. A webinar is scheduled for May 19th at 11 a.m.

Regional Updates:

Pinellas County-

- Emily LeMay discussed the upcoming tipping fee rate increase and the April Keep Pinellas Beautiful partnered event at Gandy Beach. The county is working with Goodwill to arrange a tour of their facility on June 15 at 10am – email elemay@pinellascounty.org to sign-up. Ferrous metal captured at the plant was also discussed along with available tours of the Solid Waste Disposal Complex for PPR members: www.vippinellascountysolidwastetour.eventbrite.com to sign up
- Jasmine Scott discussed the Pinellas County Recycling Reimbursement Grant allocation and reporting.
- Stephanie Watson mentioned the upcoming changes to household electronics waste collection, disposal and recycling. More information: <https://www.pinellascounty.org/solidwaste/hec3/changes.htm> Public Information Sessions are being conducted and changes are scheduled to go into effect on October 1st. There was also

discussion regarding the April 2nd article regarding the South Florida Waste-to-Energy facility in the *Tampa Bay Times*.

- Ashley Wyland talked about the county communication plan regarding Personal Protective Equipment at the facility. As of July 11, 2022, PPE will be required to be worn at the Solid Waste Disposal Complex. The county will provide a copy of its communication to municipal and private haulers and will be promoting the required PPE to its customers.

Hillsborough County- Daniel Gallagher with Hillsborough County discussed curbside enforcement for recycling as well as Tarpon Springs being added to the RYU Campaign. The county has also published its own recycling guide: https://nieonline.com/tbtimes/curriculum_science.cfm

Municipal Updates:

City of Clearwater- Savannah Bennett discussed the Earth Day events held by the city and the aquarium partnering with Pepsi for a buy-back recycling program.

City of St. Petersburg- Jack Crooks provided information after the meeting regarding the single-day Green Thumb attendance record.

Community Updates:

Keep Pinellas Beautiful- Stephanie Lawler-Ellington mentioned the upcoming clean-up events. BeBot will be in Pinellas County in July: <https://www.abcactionnews.com/news/region-pinellas/beach-cleaning-robot-will-help-keep-pinellas-beaches-beautiful-this-summer> Email Stephanie if you'd like to host a cleanup: sellington@kpbcares.org

Work Groups:

Glass- Daniel Gallagher discussed presentations at GRC and programs that may be considering removing glass from their recycling streams.

Contract- Stephanie Watson with Pinellas County Solid Waste stated that the group is conducting annual maintenance on language for agreements.

Contamination- Ashley Wyland with Pinellas County Solid Waste discussed the group's May 9th meeting.

Commercial- The Work Group was retired until such time that members want to restart the Work Group.

Open Discussion:

Hurricane Season- Chair Deanna Doss with Gulfport mentioned municipal readiness for the upcoming hurricane season. After the meeting it was brought up that the last two seasons had the most named storms since 2005. Pinellas County All Hazards Preparedness Guide:

https://nieonline.com/tbtimes/downloads/supplements/2022PINELLASEMERGENCYMANAGEMENT_L.pdf

Toilet Recycling- Amelia Brown with Tampa Bay Water discuss their toilet rebate program and partnering to recycle toilets. <https://tampabaywatch.org/restoration/oyster-communities/oyster-reef-balls/> | <https://tampabaywaterwise.org/en/> - Amelia's email: abrown@tampabaywater.org

Waste and Recycling Workers Week- Stephanie Watson inquired if any municipalities were doing anything to honor their workers during the week of June 17th. Clearwater has giveaways and uses social media to celebrate their employees. <https://www.wasterecyclingworkersweek.org/>

Webinar for Recycling Haulers and Processors-Paul Sacco with Pinellas County Solid Waste will be conducting a webinar to gauge interest in a county-wide recycling processing solicitation on May 23rd from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Florida House Bill 1411 was signed into law by the Governor - this will allow floating solar facilities aka "floatovoltaics" to be permitted in certain land use categories including waste water treatment ponds, other water storage reservoirs. <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2022/1411>

Announcements: None

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

The next PPR meeting will be held on May 18, 2022, at 9:30am via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81089706570?pwd=NDExZlVUEVQVkJSS1B6MlRqcmJQdz09>

2022 Schedule

*Meetings are held on Wednesdays at
9:30 AM EST unless otherwise noted.*

January 19, 2022

March 16, 2022

May 18, 2022

July 20, 2022

September 21, 2022

November 9, 2022