



Pinellas Partners in Recycling Meeting Notes for November 9, 2022

Pinellas County Department of Solid Waste Administration Building
Training Room, 3095 114th Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33716

Overview and Attendance

The Pinellas Partners in Recycling (PPR) meeting was held at the Pinellas County Department of Solid Waste Administration Building, 3095 114th Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33716 at 9:30 am on Wednesday, November 9, 2022.

Members present included: Savannah Bennett, City of Clearwater; Natalie Gass, City of Dunedin; Bill Pickrum, City of Dunedin; Deanna Doss, City of Gulfport; Andrew Butterfield, City of St. Pete Beach; Jack Crooks, City of St. Petersburg; Tatum Flowers, City of Tampa; Shelby Lewis, City of Tampa; Laura Blank, Coastal Waste and Recycling; Christine Busch, Coastal Waste and Recycling; Kathryn Mihalek, Ermafa/MACS; Marc Segoria, Fastenal; Stephanie Lawler-Ellington, Keep Pinellas Beautiful; Amy Radke, NuCycle Energy; Catherine Eichner, Pinellas County Department of Solid Waste; Emily LeMay, Pinellas County Department of Solid Waste; Paul Sacco, Pinellas County Department of Solid Waste; Jasmine Scott, Pinellas County Department of Solid Waste; Stephanie Watson, Pinellas County Department of Solid Waste; Ashley Wyland, Pinellas County Department of Solid Waste; Nicole Dufva, PSTA; Larry Dalla Betta, Recycling Services of Florida; Vanessa Moore, Sans Market; Ian Boyle, Waste Connections; and Ed Farmer, Waste Pro. The following joined virtually via Zoom: Karen Moore, Florida Department of Environmental Protection; Chris Perry, Florida Department of Environmental Protection; Jennifer Simmons, Florida Department of Environmental Protection; and Mary Oquendo, Manatee County.

Vice Chair Jack Crooks, City of St. Petersburg and Emily LeMay, Pinellas County Department of Solid Waste recorded the meeting notes.

Call to Order

Deanna Doss, PPR Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Review of September 21, 2022 PPR Meeting Notes

No objections to notes as written.

Introductions

The group welcomed Nicole Dufva, Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority, Christine Busch and Laura Blank, Coastal Waste and Recycling.

Presentations

Stephanie Watson, Pinellas County Department of Solid Waste

Stephanie shared the new [PPR page](#) on the County's website. The new page will allow members and the public to see what PPR is up to. It includes meeting notices, meeting notes, and helpful links.



Updates

State Updates

Florida Department of Environmental Protection

- Karen Moore, FL Department of Environmental Protection shared that America Recycles Week is 11/14-11/18/22 and there will be in-person events around the state. The counties that achieved 75% recycling rate for 2021 include: Charlotte, Palm Beach, Sumter, Lee, and Collier. The [EPA's Recycling Education and Outreach Grant Program](#) is accepting applications until January 16, 2023.

Regional Updates

Pinellas County

- Emily LeMay, Pinellas County Department of Solid Waste shared that the Evaluation of Proposals for 22-0644-P Solid Waste and Waste Diversion Programs Consulting Services is scheduled for 11/15/22. -0527-Q Research and Strategy Services - Recycling Awareness has been awarded to HCP Associates, Inc. The 2023 Recycle Guide is nearing completion and will be available in January 2023.
- Jasmine Scott, Pinellas County Department of Solid Waste shared the FY22 Municipal Recycling Reimbursement Grant summary and pending changes to FY23 reimbursement request form.
- Ashley Wyland, Pinellas County Department of Solid Waste will reach out to municipalities regarding suggested corrections to their website to provide accurate information. Personal Protective Equipment enforcement at the Solid Waste Disposal Complex will begin 11/28/22.
- Stephanie Watson, Pinellas County Department of Solid Waste shared about the upcoming Request for Proposal for recycling processing and the County's social media retreat designed to help build trust in government.

Hillsborough County

- Danny Gallagher provided a written update that the Reduce Your Use Tampa Bay and Tampa Bay Recycles campaigns won an award in Excellence in the Participation and Environmental categories through the Hillsborough Planning Commission's Planning & Design Awards. Hillsborough County won the highest award in Community Achievement for biosolids composing operation.

City of Tampa

- Shelby Lewis announced that the City is working on America Recycles Day outreach and brought news channels out to see a load of recycling. Staff are working on graphics for waste reduction over the holidays.

Pinellas County Municipal Updates

City of Clearwater

- Savannah Bennett shared Clearwater's intent to mirror the County's electronics collection program.

City of Dunedin

- Natalie Gass, City of Dunedin shared that the city is working on a green business initiative with [Blue-Green Connections](#) to focus on downtown businesses and hospitals. Smoking regulations at beaches and parks are being looked at. The city is participating in the Great American Teach-In by providing presentations on recycling and sustainability.

Community Updates

Keep Pinellas Beautiful

- Stephanie Lawler-Ellington, Keep Pinellas Beautiful noted that KPB would like to do more programming in other cities. There is an open house at KPB's office (5090 66th St N, St. Petersburg, FL 33709) from 8-11:30 am on 12/16/22. Join to tour the office, have breakfast, and discuss partnerships. Hosting a repurposed holiday decorations workshop at Moccasin Lake Park on 12/3/22.

Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority

- Nicole Dufva, Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority announced that PSTA is starting to implement recycling programs. Would like to recycle on busses and at terminals and is open to feedback on labels.

Work Group Updates

Glass Work Group

- No Updates. Group to be tabled until a Chair is found. Interested members should contact Emily LeMay or Deanna Doss.

Contract Work Group

- Upcoming meeting on 12/5/22.

Contamination Work Group

- Meeting on 11/14/22 and working on ads.

Open Discussion

- Jasmine Scott shared that Task Rabbit, a community-based app, may be useful for assistance with various activities such as junk hauling.
- Catherine Eichner discussed the new ID scanning process at HEC3 and household chemical collection events and the transition of the electronics program (electronics no longer being recycled by private recycler/are sent to Waste-to-Energy Facility).
- "Recycling isn't real" mindset was discussed among the group and how to address resident's concerns.
- Repurposed crafts for the holidays was discussed.



Announcements

- Giveaway winners for bringing a reusable coffee mug included Andrew Butterfield, Savannah Bennett, Natalie Gass, Christine Busch Laura Blank, and Jack Crooks. Congratulations!
- Deanna Doss, Chair and Jack Crooks, Vice Chair are both stepping down from their roles. The Election of Officers will take place at the January PPR meeting and all [Voting Members](#) must be present or send an alternate. Reach out to Emily LeMay if you have any questions about the Election of Officers or Voting Membership attendance.
- The tentative 2023 PPR meeting schedule is: Wednesday, January 11, 2023; Wednesday, March 15, 2023; Wednesday, May 17, 2023; Wednesday, July 12, 2023; Wednesday, September 20, 2023; and Wednesday, November 8, 2023.

Adjournment

The next meeting will be held virtually over Zoom on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 9:30 am. The meeting will include an election of officers for Chair and Vice Chair, so the [Voting Membership](#) must attend or send an alternate.