

**MINUTES
OF THE WORK SESSION
OF THE EDINA CITY COUNCIL
AND EDINA RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE COMMISSION
HELD TUESDAY, MAY 16 2006
AT 5:30 P.M.**

Mayor Hovland called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. in the Community Room of Edina City Hall. Answering rollcall were the following Council Members: Housh, Hulbert, Masica, Swenson and Mayor Hovland. Members of the Edina Solid Waste and Recycling Committee in attendance included: Bill Bryan, Chair, Tim Brownell, Inna Hayes, Mariko Hanson, and Kathy Frey. Staff present included: Gordon Hughes, City Manager, Ceil Smith, Assistant to the City Manager, Solvei Wilmot, Assistant Sanitarian & Recycling Coordinator, Jennifer Bennerotte, Communications and Marketing Director and Debra Mangen, City Clerk. Also in attendance was Allied Waste Representative Rich Hirstein.

Mayor Hovland thanked the Commission for their work in the recycling field and explained the Council wanted to hear the Commission's issues with regard to placement of trash and recycling containers on collection day.

Bill Bryan, Chair, stated based upon an informal survey conducted by the Commission prior to recommending the Council consider changing their Code that ninety percent of the City's residents were not in compliance with the placement of their trash containers. He said the Commission thoughtfully considered the amendment they proposed to the Council and suggested a desire to limit the time refuse haulers were on City streets picking up trash as one reason the amendment had been proposed. Mr. Bryan suggested limiting the haulers time on streets would save both the City's infrastructure and everyone's natural resources, mainly gasoline.

The Council and Commission discussed the pros and cons of the current trash receptacle placement, whether or not the City's contractor would pick up recycling at the garage when requested to do so by citizen, whether or not the current ordinance was in place because of aesthetics, enforcement issues, and the logistics of conducting a citizen survey. Consensus was that enforcement would not escalate until the result of a citizen survey could be obtained and reviewed.

Mayor Hovland adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Mangen, City Clerk