

Curbside Recycling Committee

Background

- Committee formed at the recommendation of the City Council.
- Council members submitted names of potential members
- **Committee goal**: Assess the feasibility of curbside recycling in Farmers Branch

Committee Members

- Kathleen Matsumura
- David Griggs
- Barbara Bomgardner
- Jamie Read
- Robert ter Kuile
- Mary Ludwick
- Shane Davis – City

Meeting Dates

- The Committee met on the following dates
 - August 1
 - August 13
 - September 12
 - October and November – emails, phone calls, couple of meetings without quorums

Topics Discussed

- Curbside recycling presentation
- Curbside recycling services provided by other cities
- Previous curbside recycling effort by City
- Other recycling or solid waste services that could be offered
- Forming an ongoing environmental committee looking for ways to promote sustainable practices

Why Curbside Recycling?

- Curbside recycling is a desired service
 - Resident satisfaction surveys
- Farmers Branch is the only urban city in Dallas County that does not offer this service
- Recycled materials have an economic value
- Recycling conserves natural resources

Why Curbside Recycling?

- Curbside recycling benefits:
 - Recycling easier for all residents
 - Higher recycling rates
 - Conserves valuable landfill air space for unrecyclable materials
 - No long term liability with recycling, unlike landfills

Committee Recommendations

- Curbside recycling for single family homes
- Frequency: Every other week collection
- 95 gallon carts
- Assess a \$3 monthly fee
- Form an ongoing committee to assess other opportunities to implement sustainable practices