

EAC Battery Recycling Committee Meeting  
Pedro Castro Public Works Administrative Building  
6 Feb 2016

Committee members Commissioner Monken, Commissioner Hargi and Association Member Carter met at 1PM to identify issues impacting recommendation to the City Council to have year around battery recycling.

Battery recycling would be limited to "household" batteries (i.e. camera, flash lights, power towels, cell phone, hearing aid, etc.). Batteries used in vehicles would not be part of the Battery recycling effort.

Topic Discussed:

- a. Collection Location
- b. Safety Concerns

a. Collection Location: It was the consensus that as many City Facilities as possible be used for collection. Even though some facilities may be located within a short distance, each location is frequent by a different portion of the population. Sites identified, were: City Transit Terminal, 2 City Fire Stations, City Hall/Police Department, Henry F Hauser Museum, Oscar Yrun Community Center, Public Library.

Fry Fire Stations and Public Schools were also considered as possible collection locations. These locations required coordination with other governmental agencies (Fry Fire District and SVISD).

There was some discussion about the City providing the opportunities for battery recycling at the Annual Shred Day(s)

It is believed a container no larger than current residential trash containers would be suitable. It was the Committee's opinion that the containers would need to be secured so they could not be moved by unauthorized persons as well as lids should be secured.

b. Safety - There was discussion concerning 9 Volt batteries shorting out their terminals were "bridged". Research will need to be done to determine the risks associated with used 9 Volts batteries and if special type container should be used.

The meeting end at 2:15PM

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