

**ABC Sustainability & Climate Change Initiative
Sustainability Network Lunch
September 26, 2008**

Meeting Notes

PRESENT:

Sustainability Network: Kathryn Hester, Hines; Jim Green, Hines; Joe Ciaramitaro, Chiofaro; Sarah Petkiewicz, MassDevelopment; Norma Gwin, Nutter; Kevin McLaughlin, Boston Marriott Long Wharf; Jeremiah Royal, Boston Marriott Long Wharf; Linda Hanson, Eaton Vance; Katie Ro, Eaton Vance; Phyllis Mastin, Eaton Vance; Michael Golub, Novartis; Duncan Pendlebury, TRO Jung|Brannen; Cristi Hollidge, GMO; Tara Wallace, Davis Companies; David Pete, Seaport Companies; Richard Inglis, Seaport Asset Management; John Ziemba, Bowditch & Dewey
Staff & Guests: David Straus, ABC; Morgan Harriman, MassDEP

INTRODUCTIONS

David Straus welcomed everyone and attendees introduced themselves and their role in sustainability within their organizations.

MASS DEP BUREAU OF WASTE REDUCTION & EPA WASTE WISE PROGRAM

Morgan Harriman presented to the group an overview of MassDEP's waste reduction and recycling programs including their efforts to promote the US EPA's Waste Wise program. A copy of the presentation is attached. Highlights include:

- Solid Waste Master Plan: statewide recycling goal of 56%
- Waste Bans: restrictions on the disposal, or transfer for disposal, of certain hazardous and recyclable wastes at solid waste facilities in Massachusetts
- Recyclable Items Prohibited from Disposal: recyclable paper, leaves and yard waste, glass, metal, plastic containers, asphalt pavement, brick, concrete, and construction debris
- Waste as a Commodity
- Conducting a Facility-Wide Waste Assessment: EPA Guidebook for reducing solid waste, facility walk through, involving the purchasing department
- How can Reducing Waste Benefit My Company: cost savings, environmental benefits
- What is WasteWise: voluntary program recognizing businesses/buildings that reduce waste
- MA WasteWise Members: Genzyme, Harvard, MCCA, TD Banknorth Garden, The Seaport Hotel...
- Waste Wise Technical Assistance: publications, forums, individualized climate profiles, on-site assistance
- Recognition: national and state awards

GROUP DISCUSSION

After the presentation time was devoted to group discussion and information sharing on various issues related to waste reduction and recycling, including the following:

- There is a need for greater education of employees/tenants on what can and cannot be recycled
 - Need tools for developers to educate tenants on waste bans
 - How do you effectively roll out a new program to tenants?
 - Green awards, challenges, incentives for cleaning crews
- Hines offers a rebate to tenants at the end of each year based on the savings in trash collection

- Single Stream Recycling
 - Hines is starting single-stream recycling with two, 30-yard containers – haul charge only
 - Equity Office is also shifting to single stream as part of LEED-EB certification
- Ways to get started
 - Need CEO buy in
 - Defaulting to double sided printing on all computers/printers
 - Eliminate/reduce coffee cups and other disposable products – replace with glassware
 - Requires a dishwasher and policies to address dirty dishes
- Food Waste
 - Biox used at The Seaport Hotel – eats 40 tons/month
- Other Items
 - The Seaport Hotel is using tri-bin waste receptacles
 - Would be good to have a cost analysis of reusable materials: biodegradable cups, etc.
 - World Trade Center trash compactor constantly monitors to eliminate pulls.