

VIRGIN ISLANDS RECYCLING PARTNERSHIP
EDUCATION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2013 – 1:00 PM

AGENDA

- I. Committee Structure
- II. Welcome/Introductions
- III. Intern Update
- IV. VIRP Slogan/ Picture
- V. Article Insight
- VI. Projects
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Open Floor

Chair	Cordell Jacobs
Co Chair	Cheryl Rae
Scribe	Keshema Webbe

The VIRP Education & Outreach Committee meeting commenced at 1:15 p.m. with the following members: Cordell Jacobs, Laura Cardoso, Micheal Hailer, Chinet Bernier, Laura Cardoso, Kysha Wallace, Marsha Laurencin, Sarah Haynes, Cheryl Wheatley, Charmine Springer, Keshema Webbe

- I. **Committee Structure-** May 28, 2013 Education & Outreach Team structure was established. Sarah Haynes agreed to scribe next meeting.
- II. **Welcome-** A warm welcome to the Virgin Islands and the Education Team was delivered by the Chair Cordell Jacobs to Laura Cardoso of Syracuse University- Environmental Finance Center. All members present introduced themselves to the group.
- III. **Intern Update-** Laura expressed the great job the interns have done and the success of the internship program. Marsha talked about their experience with building compost as well as the interns overall goals. The interns envision organizing more workshops to build a composting facility. A total of 3 workshops and 3 bins were built. The interns expressed the need to continue the program if feasible, as well as the knowledge and experience they acquired in the process. Currently the Interns are in the process of organizing a mini composting site at the Green Technology Center or the Cell Building. The interns will be speaking with the University of the Virgin Islands Cafeteria to donate and deliver their waste or excess vegetables to the composting site. The interns invited Mr. Bornn of VI Montessori school to the workshops and will be donating a bin to the school. Marsha will be scheduling a presentation with the 8th graders to discuss the maintenance and lifespan of the bins. The overall goal of the interns is to educate the students in the community and have them undertake the responsibility as well as educate each other.
- IV. **VIRP Slogan/Picture** – The committee reviewed the suggested slogan's and picture for VIRP. All members agreed to vote on the VIRP website (www.virecycles.com) prior to the next meeting.

- V. **Article Insight-** Cordell read a brief sentence from a article from the Daily News on the 1st main recycling center in Culebra for 3.1 million dollars. “With an initial 10.7 million dollar investment, Padilla aims to make the sister island of Culebra the first municipality to become energy self-sufficient by building a 3.1 million dollar recycling center that will convert 85 percent of all solid waste produced there to energy.” Cordell wanted to share this article with hopes that it will motivate our group to continue working to achieve our goals as a committee and a team.
- VI. **Projects-** Cheryl Wheatly discussed UVI “ Think before you print” campaign. Their overall goal is to make the UVI staff conscious of their printing choices, be aware of the printer options, reduce cost, ink and the use of paper. UVI is currently developing guidelines for their campaign. They agreed to share these guidelines once completed with VIRP. UVI plan to launch a contest between departments- who prints the least.
- VII. **New Business-** Sarah Haynes reminded the team that Green Thursday will be this week – May 30, 2013 at Gift Hill School. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m.

VIII. Open Floor

1. The team discussed the “bring your bag campaign”. As a group we agreed to move forward with this campaign. Keshema suggested asking the grocery stores to give some type of incentive such as points toward account or a percentage of groceries for bringing your bag. Charmine agreed to draft a general and personal letter to the grocery stores. Cordell agreed to distribute and meet with store owners.
2. Keshema expressed the idea of having a Recycling Walk. This walk will take place on three islands and will raise funds to sustain some of the group ideas and goals. Keshema will come up with a plan and tentative date so the group can discuss at the next meeting.
3. Charmine requested the minutes from 4-29-13 reflect that she was present as well as to include her on the email list for meetings and announcements- cspringer@viwma.org

The meeting adjourned at 2:15p.m. The next meeting will be held Monday, June 10, 2013 at 10: 00 a.m.