

## Foam-Free Seattle Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2007

1. **Present:** Heather Trim, Aura Weinbaum, Ellie Rose, Sarah Nason, Kate Werner (new member), Stephanie Adler (new member) and Jimmy Magiasis ---.
2. **Meeting summary:** The focus of this meeting was to get updates from groups/individuals that were assigned tasks from the last meeting and to discuss and prepare for our meeting with the City on March 5, 2007.
3. **Updates:**
  - A. **Sign on letter** Heather and Sarah *On Hold*
  - B. **Research Processes of other cities** Heather, Aura, Kristina  
**Heather** – Spoke with Office of Sustainable Development, City of Portland  
Andy Schnieder 503-823-2866. Mr. Schnieder and Heather discussed the extent of the ban; the general outcome of the ban has been very successful. He commented that enforcing this ban is very easy and takes very little of his time. Andy also stated that there was very little opposition to the ban.  
  
**Aura** - Spoke with Jack Macy (San Francisco's commercial organics recycling director) of the Recycling Dept of the City of SF. They will be finalizing an affordable biodegradable/Compostable list of alternatives for restaurants this week, and we will have access to this list (via e-mail contact). We were also encouraged to contact the city of SF after a first draft of legislation is made to swap ideas, get tips, etc. Aura also shared some very interesting highlights of other cities bans including: Oakland, Berkley and Santa Cruz:
  - C. **Research on Health Issues** - Jimmy
    1. Styrene was found in 100% of human fatty tissue examined per Foundation for Advancements in Science and Education.
    2. Styrene is a known neurotoxin, possible carcinogen and may cause birth defects and miscarriages per EPA.
  - D. **Research Environmental Issues** – Heather and Kristina *Not Discussed*
  - E. **General Fact Sheet** – Sarah  
The general fact sheet is still a work in progress. She is waiting to get information from Heather, Jimmy and Aura. She has some of that information and will put it into a bulleted list/fact sheet. I am still looking for feedback on the layout/content of the fact sheet from those at Monday's meeting.
  - F. **Website Development** – Sarah and Jimmy

1. Sarah set up a website and the address is [www.foamfreeseattle.org](http://www.foamfreeseattle.org). It is hosted for GoDaddy.com for a pretty reasonable price. We have the domain name registered for 2 years. The website is still under construction, and Sarah is asking everyone to please take a look at it and provide her with some constructive feedback on what looks good, what doesn't, what they'd like to see on the website that isn't on there, etc.
2. According to Sarah there are still some things that need to be done on the website such as - fix the spacing on the homepage, update the local businesses that don't use polystyrene, update links to more information, set up metatags to give the website more visibility with search engines

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#### G. Meeting with City 3/5/2007 –

1. **Who will attend:** Heather, Aura, Ellie, Sarah, Kate and Jimmy
2. **Written and other materials to be presented:**  
Ellie and Kate will work on an ASK sheet that will be given to all meeting attendees. This ASK sheet will outline the following: Who we are, what we are asking for, why we are asking for it, how we can partner with the City to achieve our goal by the end of 2007.

#### 4. Other Business:

**Stephanie Adler** from Earth Club UW offered to help with letters of support and mentioned that there might be booth space for us to have an information table at the UW Earth Day festival. Stephanie, Sarah and Aura will keep in contact to work on this.