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In Control: Community Health, Environment and Culture Committee

DEPARTMENT: Solid Waste Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: David Newman

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

ReWorksSA Pinnacle Awards

SUMMARY:

Staff will briefly describe the new ReWorksSA Pinnacle Award and recognize the first three Pinnacle Award recipients as the San Antonio Botanical Gardens, Steves & Sons, Inc., and VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The ReWorksSA division of the Solid Waste Management Department encourages environmental responsibility and sustainability for commercial businesses in San Antonio. ReWorksSA assists the business community with developing sustainability plans. If a business desires, those plans can be translated into a recycling certification. The bronze certification is designed for businesses that may be new to recycling, with impressive sustainability practices. The silver and gold

certifications demonstrate more aggressive sustainability practices. The Pinnacle Award is the most prestigious designation of sustainability with the highest sustainability practices.

To become certified, all businesses must recycle. Higher levels of certification include other initiatives such as a commuting/transportation policy, water conservation and/or energy conservation practices.

The Pinnacle Award was introduced in 2021 to reward businesses which lead the commercial sustainability movement in San Antonio.

ISSUE:

ReWorksSA is proud to recognize the first three Pinnacle Award winners.

San Antonio Botanical Gardens

The San Antonio Botanical Gardens welcomes thousands of visitors every week with bicycle racks on site and water bottle refilling stations. The Gardens produce renewable energy on site, utilize compost made on site, and water is reused throughout the facility.

Steves & Sons, Inc.

Throughout its' manufacturing process, Steves & Sons, Inc. has a focus on sustainable practices. For example, Steves & Sons, Inc. recycles metal with a local recycler, utilizes a Styrofoam compactor, grinds scrap wood into useable sawdust, provides reusables in their break rooms, and produces renewable energy on site.

VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority

VIA promotes sustainability in many ways throughout their day-to-day operation. Examples include retrofitting older buses to reduce emissions, utilizing renewable natural gas to power the fleet, offering free bus transportation for employees and spouses, adding charging hubs to expand the electric fleet, and installing stormwater interceptors in the bus washing area.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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