Meeting Notes

SPU Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)



October 15, 2008 Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 Fifth Avenue Room 4096 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

Chair: Carl Pierce Vice Chair: David Ruggiero Secretary: Nicole Riss

> In attendance: Carl Pierce, Mike McComber, Kim Ducoté, Jonathan Rivin, Rita Smith Staff: Vicky Beaumont, Dick Lilly, Phil Coughlan (consultant Guests: Teri Barclay Absent: David Ruggiero, Nicole Riss, Signe Gilson, Theo Mbabaliye

5:00 pm Call to Order

Administration:

Chair Report:

- o Introduction of new staff supporter Linda Rogers
- Approval of September minutes to be carried over to November meeting
- \circ $\,$ Carl reported on San Francisco trip organics and waste oil collection $\,$
- Review of Prior Meeting Action Items -
 - Visit to CDWAC Done. See email; hold debrief to November
 - Site tour schedule Commitments to Aurora by email by Oct 24th; use of cameras to be determined
 - Redraft SWAC web page Check with David next month
 - Plastic Bag Recycling Letter Done.

Monthly Topics:

5. Problem Products Study (Bans II)

Dick and Phil reviewed Preliminary Product List handout; requested feedback – items highlighted in green are identified as priority items, and are ranked; red items indicate someone else or other jurisdiction has lead responsibility, may deal with legislation; yellow items could be either SPU or other agency – still need to be determined. This list will be shared with SW Asset Management Committee 10/16/08.

Discussed some toxic issues in some small appliances, i.e., circuit boards, mercury, metals, etc.

Recommendation:

- Mike recommended which strategies City might take to reduce toxicity, etc. Send other ideas/recommendations by email to Dick & Vicky – focus on efficient strategies
- Identify anything not on list that should be covered SW disposal/reuse problem
- Pet waste do not have a good solution; should get out of waste stream; cat litter
- Sharps medical needles get more information on pharmaceutical take-backs

7. 2008 Work Plan Status – The SWAC reviewed 2008 Work Plan accomplishment to date. Most items have been accomplished. Some fourth quarter items will roll into 2009. Parks Recycle – pilot included recycle in parks –outdoor open SE & S location – program in effect 1st quarter 2009; cost per ton extremely high.

8. 2009 Draft Work Plan – Vicky reviewed 2009 Work Plan Draft, SWAC indicated general approval with some additions recommended. Vicky will revise accordingly and bring to the SWAC for agreement in November.

Requested additions

- Mid-year report/review on tonnages
- Waste prevention strategies
- Commercial recycling

9. Officer Elections for 2009 – Interest & Contribution List reviewed; submit information to Vicky or Linda for upcoming elections.

10. December Meeting: Decision on whether or not to hold December meeting moved to November agenda

Wrap Up:

Action Items:

- Send additional comments (if any) on problem wastes list to Vicky and Dick by Fri Oct 24. SWAC members.
- Commit or not to site tours and complete arrangements by Fri Oct 24. SWAC members.
- Redraft 2007 Work Plan. Vicky.
- Send interest and abilities matrix with added column for member terms. Vicky.
- Complete interest and abilities matrix. SWAC members.
- Redraft SWAC web page proposal, send to Aurora (carried over) David.

Preliminary Agenda for Next Meeting

- Review & Approve minutes for September and October meetings
- Make decision on December meeting
- 2009 Work Plan Redraft for SWAC agreement
- George and contract implications focus on public information materials
- Officer elections for 2009
- Response from plastic bag recycling letter
- Henry update/briefing?

7:05 pm Meeting adjourned.

Chair