

Chair: Mike McComber

Vice Chair: David Ruggiero

Secretary: Nicole Riss

In attendance: Mike McComber, Chair; Signe Gilson, Eric Johnson; Todd Johnson; Carl Pierce; Nicole Riss

Staff: Vicky Beaumont, Linda Rogers, Marcia Rutan

Guests:

Absent: George Kukahiko; Theo Mbabaliye; David Ruggiero; Rita Smith

5:05 pm Call to Order

Administration:

Chair Report:

- April, 2009 minutes approved as submitted
- Welcomed new member Todd Johnson from CDL Recycle
- Announced Jonathan Rivin accepted position in Minnesota; has resigned position with SWAC. His input and participation will be missed.
- Group photograph – some discussion of photos taken at last meeting; some members were not satisfied with quality. Will discuss further at June meeting
- Discussion on PW protected folder for large sized materials; will continue distribution as currently done
- The Password Protected folder solution was rejected because SPU policy requires sending files through email rather than uploading the files to a password protected folder and emailing a link to them. These file are numerous and are sometimes many MB in size. We will be creating duplicate copies in a password protected folder and sending links to that folder in the email with the attachments. Redundant but keeping with SPU policy.
- Review of Prior Meeting Action Items –
 - Recruitment strategies discussion with Aurora Mendoza will be held at the June meeting.

Monthly Topics:

4. Tons Trends 2009 - Briefing

- Vicky Beaumont briefed SWAC on 2009 tons trends:
 - Reviewed 1st quarter projected to actual tons disposed (garbage only) at Arlington
 - Noted December 2008 and January 2009 numbers skewed resulting from December pickups delayed into January due to December snow storms
 - Tons drop with economy downturn– is one of the key leading economic indicators as tons correlate strongly to economy
 - C&D not considered MSW – trying to collect information and develop programs around C&D. Currently C&D figures are separate from MSW.
 - Gabriella is working on fall presentation for C&D self-haul regulations modification. Request she be invited to share information with SWAC – date/time to be determined

5. Multi-Family Organics - Briefing

- Marcia Rutan briefed SWAC on food waste project.
 - SPU did a small pilot in 2008, a bigger one in 2009, to find out how to increase organics (food waste) diversion from the multi family (apartments/condos) sector.
 - Shared some strategies SPU is reviewing, based on the pilots' results, to start implementing this summer
 - SWAC got a summary of the findings and an opportunity to comment on the strategies under consideration.
- Marcia Rutan reviewed Program Expansion Recommendations
- Next steps – Vision and Goals
- SWAC requested George Sidles give follow-up on clear alleys program. Possibly July as June already has a fairly full agenda

6. Annual Recycling Report Status - Briefing

- Vicky reported the 2nd Annual Recycle report draft is currently on schedule.
- Current draft materials are currently in review.
- SPU internal comments are due Tuesday, May 26th.
- SWAC sub-committee (Eric Johnson, Nicole Riss and Rita Smith) will receive information on or about Wednesday June 3rd for review; will require speedy turnaround.
- More information to come as available.

7. SWAC Member to NRDS Rebuild Stakeholder Group - Discussion

- The NRDS rebuild s public relations consulting firm is asking if a SWAC member would be willing to join the stakeholder committee.
- David Ruggerio has expressed interest. Eric Johnson is a stakeholder from UW; Vicky will put David in touch with Eric for additional information

Wrap Up:

Recommendations:

- Discuss SWAC recruiting strategies
- Parks Recycling Project Report – Julie Vorhes, possibly June 17th meeting
- Annual Recycling Report

Action Items:

- Question raised regarding verbiage for recruiting – Recruit recycle & composting –
- Perception change, consider changing committee name to better represent purpose
- WAC has strict language for intent; speaks to Counties; is silent for City. Seattle has chosen to proceed as if applies to City
- SWAC prepare letter of recommendation for name change from SWAC and send through SPU leadership
- Gabriella to be scheduled for future meeting, possibly July, for C&D regulations discussion

Preliminary Agenda for Next Meeting

Chair

- Approve meeting minutes for May, 2009
- Group photo discussion
- Aurora Mendoza – recruitment strategies discussion
- Julie Vorhes – Parks Recycle Program report
- PSI Annual Form debrief

6:50 PM Meeting adjourned.