5:09 pm Call to Order

1. **Regular Business**, Katie Kennedy, Vice-Chair
   - Meeting notes approved – December 5, 2012
   - Chair report – none

2. **Plastic Bag Ban Update** – Dick Lilly, SPU Staff
   - Presented six-month update to council on 1/15/2013 (see PowerPoint for details)
   - Overall, carryout bag use went down
   - Questions and responses:
     - *Why were the thicker plastic bags exempt from the ban?* Heavy items (books), large items (bedding, lampshade, etc), they are reusable
     - *Were you surprised that retailers said it was a cost issue to provide paper bags?* Businesses and stores can charge for a product whatever they choose, certain bags do cost more than five cents, but if you can buy in bulk prices come down
     - *How are we enforcing the ban?* Right now we are in the education phase. Some small stores are still using up their inventory, which we said was allowed. Most people bring their own bags.
     - *How do deliveries work?* Depends on where the truck is loaded whether the fee applies.
     - *Are there significant differences between this and the state proposal?* The bill that has been written for the state is sponsored by the Washington Food Industry Association. If a city or county is going to ban plastic bags, you must use this ordinance (ours with two exceptions- no sunset on the five cent fee, and no recycle content mandate) – difference due to the fact that the
availability of recycled fiber is highly variable and cannot guarantee supply at any given moment.

- Send information to Dick if you have ideas that we can share with others.

3. **2013 SWAC Officer Elections** - Katie Kennedy, Vice-Chair
   - Co-Chairs: Joseph Ringold and Wendy Walker
   - Vice-Chair: Katie Kennedy
   - Secretary: Katherine Salinas

   - Vicky reviewed several handouts with ideas for the work plan and will compile areas of interest for the draft work plan to review at February meeting
   - Many topics were identified as items for regular updates
   - Waste prevention not presently available
   - **Action:** Vicky will bring draft 2013 SWAC work plan for discussion at next meeting

5. Tours - Katie Kennedy, Vice-Chair
   - Katie Salinas is working on confirmations for the tours at Cedar Grove and Allied Waste
   - Most likely tours will take place on Friday, February 22
   - **Action:** discuss carpooling and final confirmation of tour date, time and location at February meeting.

   - Vicky shared what she learned from the update from Mayor Baker of Kenmore at the LHWMP MCC meeting
   - Next Board of Health subcommittee meeting is February 1 to discuss policy options
   - Local ordinance should be ready by spring

7. **Solid Waste Plan** – Vicky Beaumont, Policy Liaison
   - Solid Waste Plan will be discussed at the council committee meeting on February 5
   - SWAC members will attend for public comment

**Wrap Up:**

8. **Review:** Katie Kennedy, Vice-Chair

9. **Preliminary agenda for next meeting – February 6, 2013**
   - Introduce New Officers
   - Review Draft Work Plan
   - Confirm Tours
   - Debrief of February 5th City Council meeting

7:01 PM - Meeting adjourned