In attendance: Signe Gilson, Chair; Laura Feinstein; Eric Johnson; Carl Pierce; David Ruggiero; Rita Smith; David Trylor
Absent: Todd Johnson; George Kukahiko;
Staff: Nancy Ahern, Tim Croll, George Sidles, Linda Rogers, Dick Lilly, Gabriella Uhlar-Heffner, Jeff Neuner
Guests: Bill Labay, King County Public Health

5:00 pm Call to Order

Administration:

Chair Report:
- January 2010 minutes approved
- **Attendance**: Todd Johnson notified Staff Supporter he will be unable to attend
- **Review of January meeting’s decisions, action items, accomplishments**
  - Letters – Dick Lilly drafted product steward letter; SWAC reviewed, submitted recommended changes; was sent out
  - Rates sub-committee met with Debrah Caul; is a work in process as issues are evolving
  - Charter/By-Laws – Rita asked these be re-sent for her review.

Monthly Topics:

5. Every-Other-Week (EOW) Garbage Collection – Briefing & Discussion
- Tim Croll briefed SWAC on the EOW issues; there are two windows of opportunity for implementation, if this is to be implemented:
  - Must give notice to contractors by July 2010 for change to be effective 4/1/2011; or
  - Notice to contractors by 7/1/2012 for change to be effective 4/1/2013.
  - Indicated Ray Hoffman believes EOW a good idea; however feels next year pretty fast; 2 years out a stronger possibility
- Gabriella Uhlar-Heffner asked for SWAC feedback, and went around the table for input:
  - 2 members were absolutely for EOW, sooner the better
  - 2 members were not for EOW under any circumstances
  - 3 members had reservations, and questions to be answered before could weigh in either for or against
- Nancy Ahern expressed her appreciation for the comments, and indicated these provided some great things to think about relating to EOW options and implementation.

6. North Transfer Station Rebuild Status – Briefing & Discussion
Nancy Ahern reviewed process; in 2009, 5 stakeholder meetings were held, and in October, a tour was conducted around the site and alternate corridors. Another meeting will be held in the next couple months. Have hired a contractor to look at the site and make recommendations on various concerns:
• Work with company to come up with different scenarios, design concepts, and designs – what is and is not feasible?
• Zoning concerns – building and scale; visual; traffic, cost of facility
• Spring/summer target for design concepts

7. Waste Prevention in the Commercial Sector - Briefing
• Dick Lilly identified what is currently being done; and current budget issues; reviewed document identifying those program cuts due to budget issues, and funding reductions in remaining project/programs:
  ▪ Backyard Organics – which include backyard composting, grass cycling, natural soil building
  ▪ Food – reduce, recover, recycle
  ▪ Paper cuts and beyond – has been cut due to budget issues
  ▪ Mixed waste – compostable products, next target materials, new outreach strategies
  ▪ Self-Haul – TS intercept, large self-haulers, special projects
  ▪ C&D/Sustainable Building – Deconstruction salvage and reuse
  ▪ Product Stewardship and Toxics Reduction – extended producer responsibility & sustainable procurement
  ▪ Market Development and Commodity Recovery – high tonnage materials
  ▪ Customer Education – community grants, youth education
  ▪ Program support – tracking
• Budget for these program/project areas has been cut by over 43%

8. Recycling Processing – How it’s going with new materials – Briefing
George Sidles provided spreadsheet of materials with designations and end use of materials collected by the Curbside Recycling Program.:
• Added Percentage of materials for bigger picture of collections and use
• Members liked document, suggested additional information to report for future reference
• Dick indicated the program is meeting all goals to highest and best use

9. Annual CAC Meeting – Briefing
• George Sidles advised SWAC the annual CAC meeting will be March 10th; will have approximately 10 minutes for specific Q&A
• March 17th meeting with Councilman Obrien
• SWAC would like to invite Mayor or representative to future SWAC meeting; would like to discuss:
  ▪ EOW collection issues
  ▪ Where do they see SWAC being able to provide input
  ▪ GHG
  ▪ Their position on maintaining green city and climate action

10. End of Year 2009 Disposed Tons Graph– Briefing
George Sidles provided and reviewed graph. Highlights included:
• Tons hauled are down significantly from 2007 and 2008

11. Wrap Up
Recommendations - Carried over from January Meeting:
• Discuss incentives with rates increase effects
• Recommendations for future meetings:
  ▪ SWAC would like a follow-up that includes a little more specific information about the success of marketing the recently added materials, could be done in conjunction with update on the recyclables waste sort later this year.
  ▪ Jeff Neuner will report to SWAC after the next North Rebuild stakeholders meeting.
Action Items:
- Meeting with newly elected Administration – CAC Annual meeting 3/10/2010; meet with Councilman Obrien 3/17/2010
- Rates Study: Deborah Caul to furnish short write-ups of the issues of particular interest; sub-committee arrange to meet with Deborah to discuss the issues. – On-going
- Vicky email most current by-laws and charter to Rita for her review for possible updates

Preliminary Agenda for Next Meeting – March 17, 2010
- Approve meeting minutes for February, 2010
- Elect SWAC secretary (held over from November, 2009)
- Rates review – pending issues, what would like SWAC to weigh in on

7:00 PM Meeting adjourned.