Meeting Notes

SPU Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)
August 7, 2013
Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 Fifth Avenue
Room 5965
5 p.m.-7 p.m.

Co-Chairs: Joseph Ringold & Wendy Walker
Vice Chair: Katie Kennedy
Secretary: Katherine Salinas

Present: Joseph Ringold, Katie Salinas, Wendy Walker
Absent: Katie Kennedy (on leave), Dan Corum, Hieu Lam
Guests: Stephanie Terrell (for Katie Kennedy), Carl Pierce, John Chelminiak, Signe Gilson
Staff: Tim Croll, Brett Stav, Dick Lilly, Sheryl Shapiro, Teresa Rayburn

5:04 pm Call to Order

1. Regular Business - Wendy Walker and Joseph Ringold, Co-Chairs
   • Meeting notes approved - June 5, 2013

2. Recycling Rate - Councilmember Jean Godden, Seattle City Council
   • Councilmember Godden was appreciative of the letter she received from SWAC and supports both recommendations SWAC presented to increase the recycling rate
   • Discussed encouragement rather than enforcement, communication investments, education resources
   • Councilmember Godden has been meeting with stakeholders, including businesses that would be affected by the legislation
   • How can SWAC be involved?
     o Continue communication with the rest of the City Council via telephone calls, email and letters to inform them of the legislation and that it will be presented to the full council in the fall
     o Develop case studies to show bill comparisons and cost savings to use during outreach
     o Help with outreach and education

3. One Less Truck Pilot Study Report – Brett Stav, SPU Staff
   • Implementing One Less Truck would save $5-6 million per year
   • Reduces truck impacts, traffic, and emissions
   • Encourages recycling and composting
The One Less Truck Pilot took place from July 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012

The pilot looks to understand potential impacts by obtaining feedback from Seattle customers (impacts based on neighborhood, recycling and composting benefits, reactions to different rate options)

Will use the pilot study to obtain recommendations from SWAC and the Customer Service Panel

4. Product Stewardship 101 - Dick Lilly, SPU Staff

- See PowerPoint
- Northwest Product Stewardship Committee (NWPSC)
  http://productstewardship.net/
- E-Cycle Washington
  http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/eProductRecycle/
- Product Stewardship Council (SPU is a member)
  http://www.productstewardship.us/
- SWAC will write letters when the upcoming bills are introduced

Wrap Up:

5. Review: Joseph Ringold and Wendy Walker, Co-Chairs
   a) Recommendations
   b) Action Items:
      - One Less Truck Pilot report response

6. Next meeting is September 4, 2013

7:05 PM - Meeting adjourned