Meeting Notes

SPU Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

March 18, 2009
Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 Fifth Avenue
Room 4096
5 p.m.-7 p.m.

Chair: Mike McComber
Vice Chair: David Ruggiero
Secretary: Nicole Riss

In attendance:  Mike McComber, Rita Smith, Kim Ducoté, Eric Johnson, George Kukahiko, Carl Pierce
Staff:  Vicky Beaumont, George Sidles, Linda Rogers
Guests: Dick Lilly, Phil Conghlin, Consultant
Absent: Theo Mbabaliye, Jonathan Rivin, Signe Gilson, David Ruggiero, Nicole Riss

5:00 pm Call to Order

Administration:

Chair Report:

- February, 2009 minutes approval tabled until next meeting due to insufficient members to vote
- Thank you to Kim Ducote for her 5+ years of service, contributions and support of SWAC. This was her last meeting with SWAC.
- Review of Prior Meeting Action Items –
  - SWAC members who volunteered to attend the LHWMP Comp Plan meeting Tuesday, April 7th from 9-12 at Renton Community Center – George Kukahiko
  - Outside server – Recycle.com information sent to members. Draft has some problems; be sure cookies are down. More information will be forthcoming.
  - Clear Alleys Program – Carl Pierce got clarification of program; has illegal dumping concerns stemming from the program. These concerns do not impact the entire program, just specific areas.
  - CAC Annual Meeting – Ray Hoffman, Interim Director, identified budget impacts as primary issue currently facing the Utility. Where are we in relation to current economic situations.
    - In break-out sessions, comments made included suggestions to host committee meetings in community, such as UW, invite students, speakers, encourage community participation
    - Be more involved in low income communities; get information into the community in small bites.
  - Product Stewardship Forum, June 1-4, 2009 – Hyatt Olive 8 Hotel, Seattle, WA – Eric Johnson and Jonathan Rivin to attend

Monthly Topics:


- George Sidles gave quick update on transition to new contracts, and how we got to where we are today.
  - New contracts overview
  - Noted built-in redundancy for problem solving
We are better prepared than ever before for this contract transition.

- Reviewed RFP (Request For Proposal) process
  - Request for Proposals
  - Selected vendors
  - Develop/negotiate contract
  - Results in final, new program decisions.

- Vendor and contract considerations:
  - Public safety
  - Aesthetically appealing
  - Not cheapest way, but meet safety needs

- Look at before and after crime statistics – to be provided by Police.
  - Reviewed areas of SWAC feedback in contract process over a 4-year period.

6. BANS II Draft Report - discussion
- Dick Lilly and Phil Conghlin, consultant, reviewed list of problem products and materials presenting toxics in waste stream
  - Use recyclable or composting packaging
  - Restaurants new ban on styrofoam
  - Need to identify priority items – based on health concerns or impact on waste stream. Looked on 8 as a whole – priority of usage list.
  - Look at groups and make priorities as viewed.
  - Dick Lilly will give a briefing on self-haul study at the April meeting.
  - Bans can level field and make market impacts
  - Textiles – clothing, fabric waste – increase recyclable – requested ideas
    - Not able to be donated
    - What can be done for non-reusable items
    - Moral driver – what will City purchase – get feedback to Dick Lilly by March 27th – questions comments on report

7. Annual Report Review -- Briefing
- Vicky Beaumont reviewed time line for report to be worked on
  - 6/9 – data collection – residential & commercial take a long time to get
  - Report due to Council 7/1
  - Will start writing when get numbers
  - SWAC review required by resolution
    - What level of involvement does SWAC want?
    - How can we accomplish task in short time frame?
      - Form sub-committee – give summary/recommendations
      - Meet between 6/3 and 6/9
      - Possibly schedule additional meeting to concentrate on Annual Report
      - Meet with conference call – Acrobat with web cam
      - Wrap up at next meeting – Rita Smith
      - Be more visible so community knows we’re here, and a vehicle to provide feedback
      - Cark Pierce recommended layering with council

Wrap Up:

Action Items:
- Get comments on Textiles to Dick by Friday, 3/27/09
- Finalize how to participate in Annual Report – extra meeting, conference call, or……
Preliminary Agenda for Next Meeting

- Approve meeting minutes for February and March, 2009
- Dick Lilly – Self Haul Study
- George Kukahiko – report back on LHWMP Comp Plan Meeting held April 7th

7:10 PM Meeting adjourned.