5:05 pm Call to Order

Administration:

Chair Report:
- Chair report
  - King County SWAC visit – Chair is Joe Casalini of Allied Waste
    - Shared summary of 2012 issues
    - Mr Casalini will visit a Seattle SWAC meeting in the near future
- Feb 2012 minutes approved
- Feb action items:
  - Rates recommendation letter has been redrafted; is at final review stage

Monthly Topics:

5. Every Other Week (EOW) Solid Waste Pickup Pilot – Briefing and Discussion
Carl Woestwin, Steve Hamai and Luis Hillon presented overview of how block groups have been determined. Primary points discussed included:
- Sample design:
  - Sample size approximately 800 customers
  - Used American 5-year Community Survey from 2005-2009 at the census block group level
  - Goal was to find block groups with demographics representative of the City of Seattle as a whole while including diverse, linguistically isolated, and low income populations
  - Sample required variation among the block groups, that is, different service providers
- Criteria used included
  - Focus on blocks with single family households
  - Family size
  - Income
  - Race
  - Language
  - Routes
  - One non “little Seattle” neighborhood was chosen, because it will provide more data on low income, and diverse racial and language factors.
- Pilot slated to begin in June 2012
- Outreach to chosen neighborhoods will occur in May
- Will be on-going surveys and follow-up to assess results of EOW Pilot
Questions raised during briefing included:
- Was education cost taken into account?
- How are language barriers being handled?
- What options are available? For example, what is available for the elderly where the additional weight of the can is not an option?
- Will contamination in yard waste be monitored?
- Outreach draft letter for targeted neighborhoods was provided; SWAC feedback is welcomed
- How frequently does SWAC want updates on pilot? (Monthly through sub-committee)

Chair Julie Pond led discussion on work plan items. Items were reviewed for inclusion or exclusion from the plan, and timelines set
- SWAC desires tour of South Transfer Station before it opens, possibly in May. Possibly include monthly meeting on site at end of tour.

7. Wrap Up
Action Items:
- Send feedback on EOW draft letter to Julie Pond by March 15th; she will compile comments, and forward to Carl Woestwin
- EOW sub-committee will coordinate with Carl to schedule more meetings
- Vicky will send Carl’s phone# to members
- Revised Rates recommendation letter will be finalized; after Julie’s review, she will share with the rest of the SWAC before forwarding it to SPU.
- Tour/meeting at new South Transfer Station – Vicky
- Revised 2012 work plan. Vicky will edit and send to Chair for final approval.

Recommendations

Preliminary Agenda for Next Meeting – Apr 4, 2012, Room SMT 5965
- Approve March 2012 minutes
- Sub-committees updates – Rates and EOW
- Waste Prevention activities

7:00 PM - Meeting adjourned