In attendance:  Signe Gilson, Chair; Dan Corum; Laura Feinstein; Carl Pierce; Julie Pond; Rita Smith; Wendy Walker
Absent:  David Ruggiero; Rob Stephenson
Staff:  Vicky Beaumont; Dick Lilly; Jeff Neuner; Linda Rogers
Guests:  Katie Kennedy, Neal Parry, Katie Salinas

5:05 pm Call to Order

Administration:

Chair Report:
•  April 2011 minutes approved
•  April action items:
  o  Zero-waste documentary update – about a month behind; expect viewing to be end of June.

Monthly Topics:

4. Transfer Station Rebuilds – Briefing & Discussion
Jeff Neuner updated the SWAC on the status of North and South Transfer Station Rebuilds. Highlights included:
•  Status review for new members
  o  South Station currently under construction
  o  Scheduled to officially open in Summer 2012
  o  Existing South Transfer Station will remain open during construction
  o  No interrupted customer service
•  Key features
  o  Fully enclosed building will control noise, dust, and odors, and will maintain sanitary conditions
  o  Larger building (100,000 square feet) will reduce customer wait times and reduce delays to garbage trucks
  o  Separate entrance and drop-off areas for residents and garbage trucks improves safety and efficiency
•  Additional Features
  o  Larger building will allow for more material recovery and recycling
  o  Viewing area and public education area
  o  Two waste compactors to improve efficiency and reduce the number of transfer truck trips
•  Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED™) Certification
  o  Gold certification goal
  o  Materials recycled and demolished buildings
  o  Cleaned-up contaminated soil before construction
  o  Used recycled content materials in new construction
Natural daylighting through translucent panels
- Rainwater collection for reuse
- Water efficient landscaping
- Energy efficient waste compactors

**Public Art**
- Resident artist Carol DePelecyn
- Art work from salvaged decking and “teeth” from South Park Bridge
- Art is to be located in a prominent area next to the building
- Has been approved by the Public Art Advisory Committee

**Project status and schedule**
- On schedule and on budget
- Foundation work completed
- Underground utilities installed
- Building construction begins this spring
- Substantial completion and testing in Spring 2012
- Open to the public by Summer 2012

**North Transfer Station (NTS) Rebuild Project – History**
- Ordinance 122447 (7/30/2007) directed SPU to rebuild North and South Transfer Stations at or near their present locations
- Original SEPA NDS (determination of non-significance) was appealed; all forums through the State Court of Appeals have supported the City
- NTS Stakeholders Group formed Jan 2008; 13 meetings held since then
- Many meetings with Fremont and Wallingford community councils
- Other public outreach
- Stakeholder Group has worked through a total of 12 project layouts to get to a final 2, so far
- They have also given input on architectural features and community amenities

**Next Steps**
- Station user survey ongoing
- April 30 general public walk around and
- Meeting to discuss options A&B, community amenities, and architectural treatments
- Stakeholders Group meeting 5/16 to make final concept recommendation
- SPU decision on selected option, rezone approach, community amenities and procurement method
- Rezone/street vacation/permitting into 2012

5. **Food+/Commercial Organics – Discussion**
Dick Lilly gave an overview of the program for new members; highlighted what has happened, and what is potentially upcoming. Information included:
- Program was created by Ordinance; required single use food service packaging and ware be recycled
  - 7/1/2010 in effect for all packaging
  - Signage essential to program; SPU-developed signage is being adopted by many other agencies outside City
  - Signage placement has been an issue for some
  - There has been a lot of outreach to businesses for all conservation issues by Cascadia through Resource Ventures, which has enabled reaching small enterprises
  - Next target areas are Lake City and Othello areas for packaging and water conservation
  - Food courts are challenging; working with management to require them to put out collection bins for all types of products used
  - Opportunities with Columbia Center to develop model program, including signage at proper level; within 3-4 months move to Phase II at Westlake Center, etc.
  - Working towards signage and 3 bin system in all office buildings
We provide signage free of charge; order from Resource Venture; can be customized with own products and labels.

Working with Cedar Grove to identify more products that are clearly compostable; example: all beverage cups are compostable.

Working to develop possible identification mark, how to apply and let businesses use.

Compost discussion led to questions:
- How to keep compost clean? This is essential for high grade compost
- Styrofoam ban. Compostable or recyclable tries to capture food waste
- When are hauls rejected? How is the decision made?
- Encourage rejection for educational purposes

Bonus topic – May 5th at 9:00 AM – SPU is launching Opt-out on website. Individuals will have the option to opt out to stop junk mail and phone books. Distribution agencies face potential penalties of up to $125 for each violation.

Residents outside the City can enter top-out through City site; just won’t count for City enforcement.

Some junk mail can’t be shut off

Specific verbiage can be placed on mailbox to instruct mail carrier to not deliver junk mail.

6. Annual Recycling Report – Discussion

- Fourth report since resolution was passed requiring same; is due July 1st.
- SWAC must review and provide letter
- Need method established for quick turnaround when report is ready; will have only couple days to complete review and prepare letter
  - Subcommittee created consisting of: Laura Feinstein, Dan Corum, Wendy Walker, Rita Smith
- SWAC role = reality check
- Short discussion on tentative recycling numbers
  - Overall 51.1% to 52.4% projected
  - Questions raised:
    - Why does recession affect recycling rates?
    - How are self-haul fees determined

7. Disposed Tons Update - Discussion

- Tonnage numbers still low and getting lower

8. Solid Waste Comp Plan Recommendations – Briefing & Discussion

Vicky Beaumont briefed the SWAC on recommendations presented to SPU Director Ray Hoffman. Questions identified:
- What is the impact on rates? What does this average over 20 years?
- What, if anything, can SWAC do to promote pilot for EOW?
  - Can we look at cities where EOW has been implemented?
    - Renton is closest
    - Other cities with EOW include Bellingham, Olympia
  - How has the social equity filter been applied to the EOW proposal?
  - How has this pilot been messaged?
- Recommendation: Send EWO pilot support letter to Mayor

9. Tours – Postponed due to absence of David Ruggiero, lead

10. Wrap Up Recommendations

- EOW pilot support letter to Mayor
Action Items

- Annual Recycling Report due in June; established sub-committee will review and respond.
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Preliminary Agenda for Next Meeting – June 1st, 2011, Room SMT 5965

- Approve May 2011 minutes
- Annual Recycling Report review and cover letter
- Facility tours

7:00 PM - Meeting adjourned