



Chair: Signe Gilson

Vice Chair: Julie Pond

Secretary: Laura Feinstein

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:**
 - 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
 - South Station currently under construction
 - Scheduled to officially open in Summer 2012
 - Existing South Transfer Station will remain open during construction
 - No interrupted customer service
- Key features
 - Fully enclosed building will control noise, dust, and odors, and will maintain sanitary conditions
 - Larger building (100,000 square feet) will reduce customer wait times and reduce delays to garbage trucks
 - Separate entrance and drop-off areas for residents and garbage trucks improves safety and efficiency
- Additional Features
 - Larger building will allow for more material recovery and recycling
 - Viewing area and public education area
 - Two waste compactors to improve efficiency and reduce the number of transfer truck trips
- Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEEDTM) Certification
 - Gold certification goal
 - Materials recycled and demolished buildings
 - Cleaned-up contaminated soil before construction
 - 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