

*Chair: Julie Pond*

*Co-Vice Chairs: Katie Kennedy, Wendy Walker*

*Secretary: Katherine Salinas*

**In attendance:** Signe Gilson, Chair; Dan Corum; Carl Pierce; Julie Pond; Katie Salinas; Rita Smith;; Katie Kennedy; Wendy Walker

**Absent:** Rob Stephenson

**Staff:** Tim Croll; Shirley Axelrod; Vicky Beaumont; Linda Rogers

**Guests:** Bill Lasby, Seattle-King County Health Dept; Mike Osberg, citizen

5:05 pm Call to Order

### **Administration:**

#### **Chair Report:**

- Dec 2011 minutes approved as amended
- **Dec action items:**
  - Ban letter and testimony
  - Feedback on the Plan

### **Monthly Topics:**

#### **4. Strategic Outlook and 2012 Budget – Briefing & Discussion**

Tim Croll, Solid Waste Division Director, briefed the SWAC on the latest iteration of SPU's 3/6/20 year solid waste Strategic Outlook. Primary focus was on the 3-year 4Q2011-2014, where 2012 activity was highlighted. Business Area highlights included:

- Line Of Business – Wide/Asset Management
  - Solid Waste Plan to go to Dept of Ecology end of first quarter for their review; will amend as required, with final Plan slated for mid-2012.
- Collection Processing and Disposal – has large portion of 2012 solid waste budget
  - Complete expansion of multifamily food waste services to all required customers and increase tenant participation in 2012 and 2013
  - Increase commercial and single family food waste diversion; have more resources for this in 2012
  - Increase enforcement of current residential and commercial recycling bans
  - Potential legislation and implementation for new commercial waste bans (beverage containers, wood, film...)
  - Reduce contracted transfer services for municipal garbage and yard waste
  - Procure new compost processing services for April 2014 or April 2015; initiate Request For Proposal (RFP)
  - Review options for future recycling processing
  - Every Other Week (EOW) pilot in 2012
- Waste Prevention
  - Plastic checkout bags banned as of 7/1/2012
  - Complete conversion of all quick serve restaurants and others to compostable or recyclable food service ware with compost pickup, emphasis on compostable
  - Develop grading system for salvages structural lumber

- Continue work on pharmaceutical take back program at state or local level
- Local Hazardous Waste Management Program (LHWMP)
  - Consider possible changes to fee structure
  - Expand outreach for hazardous materials collections services, providing targeted outreach to elderly, home bound, non-English-speaking and historically underserved communities
- Clean City
  - Redeploy abatement resources across City departments to better address graffiti abatement on multi-space parking pay stations
  - Questions in this area included:
    - Where would leaves in the streets fall into this plan?
    - Does the city do anything to clean up leaves from city streets?
- Historic Landfills
  - Complete South Park environmental regulation required RI/FS and CAP leading to consent decree
  - Kent Flare replacement and control upgrades in 2012
  - Support efforts to develop Midway and Kent Highlands
- Solid Waste Transfer Operations
  - Transition to sustainable operation of new South Transfer Station targeted for May 2012
  - Begin zoning changes for North Transfer Station 1Q12
  - Close North Transfer Station and reopen old South station slated for 2014
  - Plan for traffic disruptions during tunnel project – how to best deploy our vehicles during this time
- New Solid Waste Facilities
  - South Transfer Station completed and open in 2012
  - North Transfer Station street vacation and rezone slated to start May 2012
  - Select North Transfer Station Design firm and contractor
  - North Transfer Station construction slated to start 2013 or 2014
  - Select design firm and begin design of recycling and reuse facilities at South Transfer Station slated for 2013
- **Desire feedback from SWAC in following areas:**
  - Rates Study for 2013-14
  - Residential Food Waste Diversion - How can increase C&D - suite of initiatives
  - Recycling processing –do anything differently from last time?
  - Plastic film ban
  - Transfer station trip reduction
  - South Transfer Station – operation of new, and reuse of old one
  - North Transfer Station – Selection of design firm, look at proposals and give feedback. Will use general contractor, construction management approach. South Transfer Station went design/build.EOW single-family garbage collection pilot
  - Transfer station trip reduction

Tim Croll also presented a brief 2012 solid waste budget highlights. Overall, Solid Waste budget process came out well, and is in pretty good shape.

- Enough funding for EOW pilot
- Budget represents prudent stewardship of ratepayer dollars
- Have \$500K for residential food waste diversion

Questions raised during this briefing included:

- Are can rates going up to subsidize commercial sector?
- Is there any plan for self-haul rates change?
- SWAC can best support rates development by providing feedback on these kinds of issues

## 5. C&D Feedback Comments

Vicky Beaumont shared that comments received relating to C&D review last month were very good. Document is just about ready to post on the web. Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) document is also just about ready to post. Vicky will send out notice to the SWAC when these are on the web.

### Market Development for C&D Materials – Briefing and Discussion

Shirley Axelrod presented briefing on developing markets for C&D materials. Targeted materials include:

- Plastic Film - Clean wood facility in Elma, WA opened 2010; produces boards/plywood made of plastic film and woodchips
- Gypsum – growth of market
- Carpet – Dept of Commerce, potential use of recovered nylon through developing molded plastic parts in car industry (under the hood -- not impacted by engine heat). Also provided short list of carpet recyclers in Washington and Oregon as of Fall 2011, List of Northwest companies now reusing or processing carpet.
- Roofing shingles – Test areas on some King County road paved 2.5 years ago with hot mix made of roofing shingles

Questions raised included:

- Has any consideration been raised to develop joint venture with contractors for carpet recycling/reuse?
- SWAC would like more information brought to the committee – more information on materials

## 6. Rates Sub-Committee Update

Sub-committee met with Debra Caul to discuss rates development process. Items for discussion included:

- Revisit all subsidies – what are needs, what want to keep
- Identify how to change behaviors – identify actual costs vs billing on customer bills
- Discussion on rates and how these show up on billings; looked at three potential options for charging true and subsidized rates for garbage (G), recycling (R), and yard waste (YW).

<b>G True</b>	G	G High
<b>R True</b>	R Subsidized	R Subsidized
<b>YW True</b>	YW True	YW Subsidized

- **Potential Recommendations**

- More options for recycling can sizes – smallest one free
- On bill, show real cost vs what customer is actually paying
- Option for once-a-month pickup
- Don't want information to be disincentive
- In general, prefer to show or charge true costs of all three areas, but not so quickly that have backlash/disincentives. Additional information requested included Percent per number/gal – true cost for each area
- How do we move towards showing true costs?
- Ask Debra to come back to discuss more on rates
- Every Other Week (EOW) pilot – ask for sub-committee to follow and help form pilot and keep the SWAC informed.
  - Who is SPU's point person?
  - Sub-committee – Julie Pond, Carl Pierce, Signe Gilson, Kathleen Salinas, Wendy Walker
  - Review educational materials – guidelines and information to participants
  - Some participation in planning meetings
  - Articulate areas of interest
  - Have place on SWAC agenda for duration of planning and pilot

## **7...Election of 2012 SWAC Officers**

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## **8. Additional Items:**

- Rita Smith – attended City Council Sub-Committee meeting and made a presentation supporting the plastic ban on behalf of the SWAC.
  - Strongly recommends more presence and visibility earlier in processes
  - Will have more impact on City Council as SWAC shares thoughts and concerns
  - Will help develop positive SWAC image

## **9. SWAC 2012 Work Plan**

Vicky Beaumont passed out draft work plan to be reviewed by members and submit list of items to be changed to her by January 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **10. Solid Waste Plan**

Vicky indicated Plan draft is just about ready to send to Dept of Ecology for their feedback; expects to send it out within two weeks.

- Primary change is withdrawing recommendation for EOW, but proceed with pilot
  - What does Seattle plan to do with information received from the pilot?
    - How might this work in Seattle
    - Purpose of pilot
    - How information and results of pilot are to be taken forward
    - Indication of lean government – good trial before implementation of a new program

## **6. Wrap Up**

### **Action Items:**

- Work Plan review – comments/recommendations to Vicky Beaumont by January 18.

### **Recommendations**

- SWAC tour to South Transfer Station after Feb 2012
- Request status on mandatory organics service

### **Preliminary Agenda for Next Meeting – Feb 1, 2012, Room SMT 5965**

- Approve Jan 2012 minutes
- Sub-committees briefings – Rates and EOW
- Annual work plan

7:05 PM - Meeting adjourned