

Meeting Notes



**SPU Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)**

June 18, 2008

Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 Fifth Avenue

Room 4696

5 p.m.-7 p.m.

*Chair: Carl Pierce*

*Vice Chair: David Ruggiero*

*Secretary: Nicole Riss*

In attendance: Signe Gilson, Mike McComber, Carl Pierce, Rita Smith, David Ruggiero, Nicole Riss, Kim Ducoté

Staff: Vicky Beaumont, Dick Lilly, Phil Coughlan

Absent: Theogene Mbabaliye

5:05 pm: Call to order.

## **Administration:**

### **Chair Report:**

Review of May meeting for members that were absent. Community Advisory Committee business cards distributed for SWAC recruitment. SWAC members are asked to keep track of individuals that they give a card to. Letter of commendation for bag fee and foam ban completed, reviewed, and approved. Recycling report letter completed, reviewed, approved, and sent. Signe and Carl will not be able to attend the July SWAC meeting.

Present SWAC members vote on site tour location. 3-way tie between Nucor Steel (Seattle), Cedar Hills LI (Maple Valley), and Recovery 1 (Tacoma). Theo will vote via email. Kim is designated contact person to assist Aurora in planning the tours.

North Transfer Station is currently going through an appeal. South Transfer Station is proceeding as usual.

April and May meeting minutes approved.

## **Monthly Topics:**

### **4. Fuel/Bio-diesel re Collection Trucks:**

This item was determined to be outside of SWAC's scope of work and will not be included in the work plan.

## **5. Electronics Collection:**

Vicky informed SWAC that curbside electronics recycling will be addressed next year, while the utility assesses customer response to the new state a depot system which will have free drop-off. Waiting will also limit customer confusion anticipated in conjunction with the new collection contracts. A curbside Seattle program would supplement the Washington program.

## **6. Used Motor Oil Collection:**

Vicky informed SWAC that used motor oil will be collected with curbside service next year with the new contracts. George Sidles will update SWAC more comprehensively upon his return.

## **7. Bans II Study:**

Dick Lilly informed SWAC of upcoming public comment opportunities on the proposed green fee on disposable shopping bags and the ban on styro food service products. They are Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm and Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Both meetings will be held in the Council Chambers and require early sign-up to reserve a one-minute timeframe. Carl will attend the July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting to present the SWAC letter of commendation.

Phil Coughlan and Dick presented SWAC with the "Problem Materials and Products Study, Preliminary Product List" for comment. This list is intended to represent the most dangerous and prevalent products in the waste stream, in addition to rating items for a future ban or product stewardship solution. It does not include waste that already has a mitigation plan (household hazardous waste) or is prohibited from disposal (electronics/appliances).

It is not a comprehensive lifecycle cost analysis. It will assess the impacts of raw extraction through disposal in conjunction with policy options for the City. Considerations for products include impact to air, land, water, human health, and the waste management process. Development of the product list is phase one. Phase two will include development of a weighting and ranking system for each product.

Item 17. "Universal Waste" includes things like batteries, fluorescent bulbs, mercury containing switches, etc.

SWAC recommends separating item 13. "Batteries" into types (rechargeable, NiCad, etc) and separating item 7. "Paint" into types (oil or latex).

## **8. Washington State Recycling Association Conference:**

Kim and Rita updated SWAC on the three-day WSRA Conference in Pasco, WA. The focus of this year's conference was sustainability. The conference carbon footprint was measured as a baseline for future conferences. Other topics include product

markets, the effects of glass and fiber, and legislation. Individuals can join the WSRA for an annual fee. More information at [www.wsra.net](http://www.wsra.net)

SWAC member Kim Ducoté was inducted into the WSRA Hall of Fame for her long-term contributions to recycling in the state of Washington. Congratulations Kim!

### **9. Joint Meeting with Water CAC on Rates Proposal Next Month:**

The solid waste rate proposal is currently being finalized and will be transmitted with the water rates proposal on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Council will likely vote on the rates before Thanksgiving. Waste contracts are approved but options are being negotiated (electronics, motor-oil, dumpster-free allies).

Chuck Clark will speak to CACs about rate proposals from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm during the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Vicky will email the location to SWAC.

### **Wrap Up:**

#### **Action Items:**

- ✓ Draft SWAC introduction for SWAC website (David)
- ✓ Coordinate site tours with Aurora (Kim)
- ✓ Present SWAC letter of bag fee/foam ban commendation to Committee on July 8<sup>th</sup> (Carl)
- ✓ Submit any additional comments on the Bans II Study Product List to Vicky (All)

### **Discussion for next month:**

- ◇ Used motor-oil collection
- ◇ SWAC website introduction

*(Note that only one hour will be designated for SWAC agenda due to CAC meeting)*

Meeting adjourned.