

Meeting Notes



SPU Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

February 20th, 2008

Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 Fifth Avenue

Room 4696

5 p.m.-7 p.m.

Interim Chair: Carl Pierce

Vice Chair: Vacant

Secretary: Vacant

In attendance: Signe Gilson, Nicole Riss, Kim Ducote, Theogene Mbabaliye, Rita Smith, Mike McComber, Carl Pierce

Guests: Teri Barclay, Seattle/King County Health Department

Staff: George Sidles, Henry Friedman, Vicky Beaumont, Deborah Caul

Absent: David Ruggiero

Call to order.

Group & Individual Photos for web page were not taken, due to the Communication Department did not arrive.

Brandi unable to make it to this meeting, due to illness, she will attend the retreat to give her thank you and/ or appreciation to SWAC.

Administration:

Chair Report:

Carl discussed the importance of all of the SWAC member's contributions and how imperative it is for members to arrive on time to the meeting. In addition members will need to be more involved as much as possible and responsive to action items.

No discussion on January's minutes or action items for review.

Monthly Topics:

2009-10 Rate Process:

Deborah Caul presented the new recommended rate design proposed for 2009, and 2010. "Starting in 2010, charge "heavy" garbage rates to businesses that typically generate large amounts of compostable waste. In 2009, classify customers by SIC

code and develop an exemption process for small business customers." Continue discussion by SWAC members to review Deborah's material to determine, if an addition presentation by Deborah is needed, and relevant at this time to SWAC's interest. As the timeline is developed for decisions, a schedule for SWAC can be developed for briefings and comments.

SRDS Reconstruction SEPA Determination:

Henry Friedman update on Solid Waste Facilities Plans for new North & South Transfer Facility. SRDX Re-construction SEPA Determination comments should be submitted per SEPA protocols no later than March 10th (as opposed to March 6th).

Contracts:

George Sidles updated on current collection contract and how some of SWAC's recommendation were included in the contract i.e. single stream recycling, he announced the two awarded contractor as Waste Management and Clean Scapes and their geographic districts. In addition George presented UMO motor oil collection process and the basic estimated collection number for the greater Seattle area. SPU would like to involve SWAC for feedback and/ or recommendation, members are asked to comment.

Officer Elections:

Nominations: Vice Chair- David Ruggiero, Secretary Nicole Riss, Chair- Carl Pierce

Finalized elections results:

Chair: Carl Pierce
Vice Chair: David Ruggiero
Secretary: Nicole Riss

Wrap Up:

Recommendations / Suggestions:

Rita- Suggested SWAC determine a recommendation concerning UMO collection via e-mail, after reviewing George's additional information.

Signe - Regarding motor oil, can we ask George what his analysis assumed regarding collection method during the MSW collection or separate collection?

Kim – Suggested that locks be placed on the recycle totes to prevent contamination by dog walkers.

Action Items:

- ✓ Carl- Send reminder e-mail to SWAC members concerning questions regarding rates for Deborah to determine sub-committee or monthly meeting.

- ✓ Carl – To send e-mail to George requesting additional information to review the findings of surrounding Cities residential waste motor oil collection UMO, in order to help us better address the subject and provide a waste oil collection re-commendation.
- ✓ Vicky- Will provide the organic container proposed by the Focus Group for SWAC's review.
- ✓ Vicky will reschedule the individual and group photos for the updating of the website at the March meeting.

Discussion for next month:

- ◇ Animal defecation placed in the recycle toters causing contamination.
- ◇ Rates Process update (Maybe)
- ◇ Review organic 15 gallon container
- ◇ Review George's information on "Curbside collection of UMO in other Western Washington Cities and Counties".
- ◇ SWAC recruiting other member efforts with pre-made business cards; double sided with information how to apply, etc.

Meeting adjourned.