



February 17, 2010

Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 Fifth Avenue

Room 4096

5 p.m.-7 p.m.

Chair: Signe Gilson

Vice Chair: David Ruggiero

Secretary: TBD

In attendance: Signe Gilson, Chair; Laura Feinstein; Eric Johnson; Carl Pierce; David Ruggiero; Rita Smith; David Trylor

Absent: Todd Johnson; George Kukahiko;

Staff: Nancy Ahern, Tim Croll, George Sidles, Linda Rogers, Dick Lilly, Gabriella Uhlar-Heffner, Jeff Neuner

Guests: Bill Labay, King County Public Health

5:00 pm Call to Order

Administration:

Chair Report:

- January 2010 minutes approved
- **Attendance:** Todd Johnson notified Staff Supporter he will be unable to attend
- **Review of January meeting's decisions, action items, accomplishments**
 - Letters – Dick Lilly drafted product steward letter; SWAC reviewed, submitted recommended changes; was sent out
 - Rates sub-committee met with Debrah Caul; is a work in process as issues are evolving
 - Charter/By-Laws – Rita asked these be re-sent for her review.

Monthly Topics:

5. Every-Other-Week (EOW) Garbage Collection – Briefing & Discussion

- Tim Croll briefed SWAC on the EOW issues; there are two windows of opportunity for implementation, if this is to be implemented:
 - Must give notice to contractors by July 2010 for change to be effective 4/1/2011; or
 - Notice to contractors by 7/1/2012 for change to be effective 4/1/2013.
 - Indicated Ray Hoffman believes EOW a good idea; however feels next year pretty fast; 2 years out a stronger possibility
- Gabriella Uhlar-Heffner asked for SWAC feedback, and went around the table for input:
 - 2 members were absolutely for EWO, sooner the better
 - 2 members were not for EOW under any circumstances
 - 3 members had reservations, and questions to be answered before could weigh in either for or against
- Nancy Ahern expressed her appreciation for the comments, and indicated these provided some great things to think about relating to EWO options and implementation.

6. North Transfer Station Rebuild Status – Briefing & Discussion

Nancy Ahern reviewed process; in 2009, 5 stakeholder meetings were held, and in October, a tour was conducted around the site and alternate corridors. Another meeting will be held in the next couple months. Have hired a contractor to look at the site and make recommendations on various concerns:

- Work with company to come up with different scenarios, design concepts, and designs – what is and is not feasible?
- Zoning concerns – building and scale; visual; traffic, cost of facility
- Spring/summer target for design concepts

7. Waste Prevention in the Commercial Sector - Briefing

- Dick Lilly identified what is currently being done; and current budget issues; reviewed document identifying those program cuts due to budget issues, and funding reductions in remaining project/programs :
 - Backyard Organics – which include backyard composting, grass cycling, natural soil building
 - Food – reduce, recover, recycle
 - Paper cuts and beyond – has been cut due to budget issues
 - Mixed waste – compostable products, next target materials, new outreach strategies
 - Self-Haul – TS intercept, large self-haulers, special projects
 - C&D/Sustainable Building – Deconstruction salvage and reuse
 - Product Stewardship and Toxics Reduction – extended producer responsibility & sustainable procurement
 - Market Development and Commodity Recovery – high tonnage materials
 - Customer Education – community grants, youth education
 - Program support – tracking
- Budget for these program/project areas has been cut by over 43%

8. Recycling Processing – How it's going with new materials – Briefing

George Sidles provided spreadsheet of materials with designations and end use of materials collected by the Curbside Recycling Program..

- Added Percentage of materials for bigger picture of collections and use
- Members liked document, suggested additional information to report for future reference
- Dick indicated the program is meeting all goals to highest and best use

9. Annual CAC Meeting – Briefing

- George Sidles advised SWAC the annual CAC meeting will be March 10th; will have approximately 10 minutes for specific Q&A
- March 17th meeting with Councilman Obrien
- SWAC would like to invite Mayor or representative to future SWAC meeting; would like to discuss:
 - EOW collection issues
 - Where do they see SWAC being able to provide input
 - GHG
 - Their position on maintaining green city and climate action

10. End of Year 2009 Disposed Tons Graph– Briefing

George Sidles provided and reviewed graph. Highlights included:

- Tons hauled are down significantly from 2007 and 2008

11. Wrap Up

Recommendations - Carried over from January Meeting:

- Discuss incentives with rates increase effects
- Recommendations for future meetings:
 - SWAC would like a follow-up that includes a little more specific information about the success of marketing the recently added materials, could be done in conjunction with update on the recyclables waste sort later this year.
 - Jeff Neuner will report to SWAC after the next North Rebuild stakeholders meeting.

Action Items:

- Meeting with newly elected Administration – CAC Annual meeting 3/10/2010; meet with Councilman Obrien 3/17/2010
- Rates Study: Deborah Caul to furnish short write-ups of the issues of particular interest; sub-committee arrange to meet with Deborah to discuss the issues. – On-going
- Vicky email most current by-laws and charter to Rita for her review for possible updates

Preliminary Agenda for Next Meeting – March 17, 2010

- Approve meeting minutes for February, 2010
- Elect SWAC secretary (held over from November, 2009)
- Rates review – pending issues, what would like SWAC to weigh in on

7:00 PM Meeting adjourned.