

Meeting Notes



## SPU Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

March 5, 2014

Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 Fifth Avenue

Room 5965

5 p.m.-7 p.m.

*Co-Chairs: Joseph Ringold & Wendy Walker*

*Vice Chair: Katie Kennedy*

*Secretary: Katherine Salinas*

**Present:** Aaron Lawhead, David Della, Wendy Walker, Stephanie Schwenger, Chris Toman, Joseph Ringold, Heather Levy, Stacie Singleton, Erika Melroy, Katie Kennedy

**Absent:** Katie Salinas, Dan Corum

**Guests:** Bill Lasby, Shasta McKinley

**Staff:** Tim Croll, Vicky Beaumont, Teresa Rayburn

**Guest Speakers:** Lynda Ransley and Liz Tennant for LHWMP

5:40 pm Call to Order

### 1. **Regular Business** – Joseph Ringold and Wendy Walker, Co-Chairs

- Meeting notes approved – February 5, 2014
- Report on outstanding items from February – none
- Chair report – none

### 2. **Organics Ban** – Tim Croll, SPU

- Every other week garbage is no longer an option; move forward with organics ban as an alternative to keep the momentum with recycling goals
- Stagger implementation and enforcement?
  - Pilot for implementation
  - Look at the lessons learned from when recyclables were banned
- Would this extra fine show up on their bill? Some people don't look at their bill, have automatic payments, etc.
- Look at Renton's approach to implementation: giveaways, buckets, food scrapers, etc.
- Education is a key component to a successful rollout
- People are driven by cost savings – this will allow citizens to downsize their garbage and save money
- Focus on the benefits to the individuals

### 3. **Local Hazardous Waste Management Program (LHWMP) Customer Rates Redesign** – Linda Ransley, LHWMP Director

- LHWMP has a unique structure and is the only multi-agency, coalition type group that has a joint agreement to fulfill moderate risk waste management requirements through the region
- LHWMP supports about 11 FTE at SPU

- Service agreements with the partner agencies are done on an annual cycle along with the annual work plan
- LHWMP is funded by solid waste fees and the organization is looking at the fee structure of residential accounts, to increase equity
- Proposing going from a flat rate to a tiered rate (based on container size, not actual volume)
- This is a revenue neutral proposal; LHWMP will not get more money, but is trying to proportion appropriately
- Proposal will go to the Board of Health in April

**4. Disposed Tons Update** – Vicky Beaumont, Policy Liaison

- See Handout
- Disposed tons are down and staying down
- Are total tons down also? Are we just diverting more to recycling and yard waste? Working on the annual recycling report in the next month or two so will see how disposed tons compares to total tons.

**5. SWAC Officer Elections** – Vicky Beaumont, Policy Liaison

- Officer elections will take place in April

**Wrap Up:**

**6. Review:** Joseph Ringold and Wendy Walker, Co-Chairs

**a) Recommendations:**

**b) Action Items:**

- Look into Google Group for communications between meetings
- Bring field trip ideas to the next meeting

**c) Preliminary agenda for next meeting:**

- Officer vote for April 2014
- Heather and Stephanie will report on conferences they are attending this month
- Toxics 101

**7. Next meeting is April 2, 2014 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm**

7:25 PM - Meeting adjourned