



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

October 6, 2021 Meeting Notes  
Webex  
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

*Co-Chair: Dirk Wassink  
Co-Chair: Nico Onoda-McGuire*

Committee Members	Present?	SPU Staff /Guest	Role
Danny Barksdale	Yes	Jemini Davis	SPU - Solid Waste Administrative Support
Joel Dashnaw	Yes	Sego Jackson	SPU – Solid Waste LOB Policy Liaison
Rina Fa’amoe-Cross	Yes	Pat Kaufman	SPU – Commercial Recycling Manager
Celine Fujikawa	No	Katie Lynd	SPU – SWAC Program Coordinator
Brie Kuhn	Yes	Stephanie Schwenger	SPU – Solid & Hazardous Waste Lead Planner
Adam Maurer	Yes	Jeff Fowler	SPU – Solid Waste LOB Deputy Director
Nico Onoda-McGuire	Yes	Eric Gagnon	Guest – Ridwell
Alessandra Pistoia	Yes	Cindy Arasim	Guest – Collaboration w/ Seattle Public Schools
Hannah Scholes	Yes	Heather Trim	Guest – Zero Waste WA
Adrian Tan	Yes		
Ming-Ming Tung Edelman	Yes		
Dirk Wassink	Yes		

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

- SWAC Co-Chair, Nico Onoda-McGuire called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.
- Members and guests introduced themselves. Prompted by the SWAC chair, they each shared their name, affiliation, and their favorite tradition of the Fall.
- September meeting minutes were approved by SWAC members in attendance.

**2. Comments on SWLOB Updates for SWAC**

Solid Waste Deputy Director, Jeff Fowler, provided updates

- **A SWAC member asked,** (in reference to update #2) “When will the case study be available?”
- **A SPU member responded,** “The estimated timeframe is one month”
- **A SWAC member asked,** (in reference to update #5) “How do people sign up for the Clean Alleys Program?”
- **A SPU member responded,** “It is likely added through the BIA’s, but our manager of Inspections & Compliance can confirm”
- **A SWAC member asked,** (in reference to update #5) “Are the pilot programs new or have they existed for awhile?”
- **A SPU member responded,** “They have been around for awhile and we are also looking at doing the CAP in other locations. We can provide a more comprehensive map of where the CAP is being used”.

### 3. Orientation Debrief

SWAC members shared comments on the Orientation that was held for the SWAC and CRP

- **A SWAC member commented,** “It probably would’ve been more useful for newer SWAC members. I feel I have already learned a lot about the Water LOB.”
- **A SWAC member commented,** “It was great to have all that information in one place.”
- **A SWAC member commented,** “It was very well-organized and packed with good information.”
- **A SWAC member commented,** “I really enjoyed it.”

### 4. 2021 Solid Waste Plan Work Session

Stephanie Schwenger was present to discuss the current status of the comp plan and encouraged SWAC members to provide feedback and questions

- **A SWAC member asked,** “What has been done historically to engage with the public around the public comment period of the plan?”
- **A SPU member responded,** “We are looking for more ways to engage with the public. This is an area we would like the SWAC to provide suggestions”.
- **A SWAC member asked,** “What is the reason for EPR being separate from waste prevention?”
- **A SPU member responded,** “Most of the EPR’s are takebacks. EPR is discussed extensively in chapter 4 of the plan”.
- **A SWAC member asked,** “Could SPU do something similar to the Water LOB’s *Pump It Out* Program for Solid Waste?”
- **A SPU member responded,** “We detail the Solid Waste programs in chapter 6. This includes RV Remediation and the Encampment Program which are both in the Clean Cities Division”.
- **A SWAC member asked,** “How will the effects of COVID, CHOP, and other hot topics that have taken place over the year be incorporated into the plan?”
- **A SPU member responded,** “Some of those learnings are still occurring. The other hot topics are addressed throughout various chapters of the comp plan”.
- **A SWAC member asked,** “Will the plan touch on how SPU contracts haulers and other services?”
- **A SPU member responded,** “Chapter 10 mainly focuses on where the money comes from. The plan also talks about the strategies used for contracting”.
- **A SWAC member commented,** “There is a good opportunity to show what the future of solid waste financing looks like 10 years from now.”
- **A SPU member responded,** “For the most part, we did not delve into that level of detail in the plan. At this time, there are not enough known details to project what financing what look like in a decade”.
- **A SWAC member asked,** “Is it possible to create a one-pager for each stakeholder to show how the plan impacts each of them?”
- **A SPU member responded,** “Those are the type of questions we’re looking for from the SWAC as we move toward the public comment period”.
- **A SWAC member asked,** “When will we see the full document?”
- **A SPU member responded,** “The plan will undergo internal review first. The full plan is expected to be available in December”.

- **A SWAC member asked**, “What updates to the plan will be available by next time SWAC meets in November?”
- **A SPU member responded**, “More details can be added, including details to chapter 7”.
- Next steps
  - SWAC Officers will discuss the best way to support SPU in providing feedback to the plan at their next meeting
  - Most SWAC members prefer to split into groups and divide the chapters among the groups to provide review and feedback

#### **5. Around the Table**

- Seattle Public Schools are currently working to have bottle refill stations added
- Refugee Arts has collaborated with coffee shops to get them to reuse their coffee bags

#### **6. SWAC Chat**

- Not enough time for SWAC chat during this meeting. It will be prioritized at the November meeting.

**Adjourned 7:30 p.m.**