



May 2nd, 2012

**Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 Fifth Avenue
Room 5965
5 p.m.-7 p.m.**

Chair: Julie Pond

Co-Vice Chairs: Katie Kennedy, Wendy Walker

Secretary: Katherine Salinas

- Present:** Julie Pond, Chair, Katie Kennedy, Co-Vice Chair; Dan Corum; Carl Pierce; Rob Stephenson; Wendy Walker, Co- Vice Chair
- Absent:** Signe Gilson; Katherine Salinas
- Staff:** Vicky Beaumont; Jennifer Woods; Gabriella Uhlar-Heffner; Jeff Neuner
- Guests:** Yolanda Pon, PHSKC; Neal Parry, prospective member

5:06 pm Call to Order

Administration: (reordered as last items on agenda)

1. Regular Business:

- a) April 2012 minutes approved.
- b) Check-in on "to do's" from last meeting.
- c) Chair report – Julie is meeting with Mayor McGinn as she did with Council Member Godden. A session with CM Godden with all advisory committee chairs is being organized by Sheryl. Julie asked for recommendations from members of questions to be asked of the CM to be sent to Sheryl.

Monthly Topics:

2. C&D (Construction and Demolition Waste) Recycling Initiatives - Briefing on status of ordinances, Director's Rules, and other initiatives to increase C&D recycling.

These initiatives are a series of recommendations from the past few years. The ordinance has three parts. The first is the phased landfill disposal bans and schedule; please refer to the handout for the ban schedule. There is a list of exceptions to the bans and administrative rulemaking (out clause) allowances to phase out bans as applicable and if needed (for example if the market for the material collapses). The second part is the list of certified facilities to be created in 2013.

The third part is compliance requirements during the building permit process. Any construction, residential or commercial, will be required to comply with the ordinance at the time of application for a building permit. The ordinance regulates the transfer facility and not the hauler/generator. The hauler/generator must ensure the materials are taken to the

appropriate transfer facility. If the hauler/generator uses a single waste container, instead of sorting the materials disposed during construction into two separate containers, the facility will need to sort to separate recycling from disposal. The transfer facility then sends materials to the appropriate receiving facility/landfill. C&D recycling facilities are in Tukwila, Tacoma, and most are in King County. The diversion requirement in the ordinance was modeled after a similar regulation in Portland. Gabriella will send committee members the approved ordinance.

Questions included:

- In regards to the threshold percent of target recyclables left in the residual from processing, what is the residual for landfill disposal, alternative daily cover or industrial stabilizer in a landfill now?
- Will residential uses be required to comply with the Ordinance?
- Is the hauler/generator being regulated to any extent?
- Is the hauler/generator doing the sorting?
- Are there other C&D facilities?
- Is it SPU's goal to develop C&D sorting capacity in its transfer stations or simply to certify other facilities?

3. Stations Rebuilds - Status report.

A resolution has been passed allowing SPU to rebuild the North Transfer Station. The conceptual design has been created based on conditions of reconstruction that came out of the planning and community involvement processes. For instance, a street is being vacated and in its place open space is being provided. Landscaping around the perimeter of the property was added to the design due to comply with landscaping requirements.

The next steps include SPU hiring a design firm to create the final design for the facility through the bidding process and to subsequently engage subcontractors to implement the design plans. The schedule is to break ground in 2013 and complete the project by 2015 (tentatively). The old south station is to stay open while the new north station is being constructed. The old south station will eventually close with the transfer of some of its workload to the new stations over time. Use of the old south station site is open.

The design of the north site will mitigate traffic issues by providing underground circulation and multiple entrances and exits to and from the site. Noise control and dust and odor control are issues that need further study, but are issues the public has raised. Compared the old station the new station is twice the size of the old.

It is probable that more collector trucks will go to the new south station, because it is a quicker and cleaner haul to their yard. It is also better for SPU because it is a shorter haul to the rail yard. The new south station is a certified LEED Gold building with a rainwater harvesting system and uses heat from compactors to heat the building. It is proposed that the rebuild of the North station will also be a certified LEED Gold building.

Questions included:

- What is the schedule for the rebuild?

- What will happen to the 'Old' South Transfer Station?
- Is the small site constrained? Will the size of the site create traffic and circulation issues? Are commercial customers and self-haulers separated?
- Are there talking points about this project that we should communicate to the community?
- How big is the North station compared to the New South?
- Will there be more haulers going to the new station?
- Is there going to be more staff or room for expansion?

4. Sub-committee Reports

- Climate Action Plan – Has gone to Council; feedback provided.
- Every Other Week – Members would like another meeting with Carl, as a recap, after the letter is sent out and before the program begins.

5. Annual Recycling Report - The report will be ready to review on by the middle of June and will need quick turnaround, as it's due to Council July 1. The report will have updated tasks and action items from the Solid Waste Plan. SWAC members decided against a formal subcommittee; instead Julie will compile comments made by members that choose to make comments and Katie S. will write the letter stating SWAC has reviewed the report. Julie will keep members up to date on the process.

6. Annual CAC Meeting June 27 – Members stated that potential talking points for SWAC at the meeting could be: Plastic Bag Ban, Solid Waste Plan update, Climate Action Plan and the Every Other Week program.

7. Disposed Tons Update - Update on tons going to landfill trends. The trends show that the number of disposed tons went down from 2007 to 2012.

Wrap Up:

8. Review

a) Recommendations

b) Action Items:

- EOW – Members would like another meeting with Carl, as a recap, after the letter is sent out and before the program begins.

9. Preliminary agenda for next meeting

10. Possible future agenda items

- Facilities Tours – Katie S. sent a list of possible facilities tours; topic postponed to next available meeting.
- No July meeting, because 4th of July is a holiday and offices are closed.

6:55 PM - Meeting adjourned