

Chair: Julie Pond

Co-Vice Chairs: Katie Kennedy, Wendy Walker

Secretary: Katherine Salinas

Present: Katie Kennedy, Joseph Ringold, Dan Corum, Rob Stephenson, Wendy Walker, Signe Gilson

Absent: Neil Parry, Carl Pierce, Julie Pond, Katherine Salinas

Guests: Hannah Swee, Hieu Lam

Staff: Vicky Beaumont, Sheryl Shapiro, Teresa Rayburn, Dick Lilly

5:09 pm Call to Order

1. Regular Business, Katie Kennedy, Vice-Chair

- Meeting notes approved – December 5, 2012
- Chair report – none

2. Plastic Bag Ban Update – Dick Lilly, SPU Staff

- Presented six-month update to council on 1/15/2013 (see PowerPoint for details)
- Environment Washington report located at:
<http://www.environmentwashington.org/sites/environment/files/reports/Cutting%20Down%20on%20Plastic.pdf>
- Overall, carryout bag use went down
- Questions and responses:
 - *Why were the thicker plastic bags exempt from the ban?* Heavy items (books), large items (bedding, lampshade, etc), they are reusable
 - *Were you surprised that retailers said it was a cost issue to provide paper bags?* Businesses and stores can charge for a product whatever they choose, certain bags do cost more than five cents, but if you can buy in bulk prices come down
 - *How are we enforcing the ban?* Right now we are in the education phase. Some small stores are still using up their inventory, which we said was allowed. Most people bring their own bags.
 - *How do deliveries work?* Depends on where the truck is loaded whether the fee applies.
 - *Are there significant differences between this and the state proposal?* The bill that has been written for the state is sponsored by the Washington Food Industry Association. If a city or county is going to ban plastic bags, you must use this ordinance (ours with two exceptions- no sunset on the five cent fee, and no recycle content mandate) – difference due to the fact that the

availability of recycled fiber is highly variable and cannot guarantee supply at any given moment.

- Send information to Dick if you have ideas that we can share with others.

3. 2013 SWAC Officer Elections - Katie Kennedy, Vice-Chair

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4. 2013 Work Plan - Vicky Beaumont, Policy Liaison

- Vicky reviewed several handouts with ideas for the work plan and will compile areas of interest for the draft work plan to review at February meeting
- Many topics were identified as items for regular updates
- Waste prevention not presently available
- **Action:** Vicky will bring draft 2013 SWAC work plan for discussion at next meeting

5. Tours - Katie Kennedy, Vice-Chair

- Katie Salinas is working on confirmations for the tours at Cedar Grove and Allied Waste
- Most likely tours will take place on Friday, February 22
- **Action:** discuss carpooling and final confirmation of tour date, time and location at February meeting.

6. Board of Health, Secure Madison Takeback Initiative – Vicky Beaumont, Policy Liaison

- Vicky shared what she learned from the update from Mayor Baker of Kenmore at the LHWMP MCC meeting
- Next Board of Health subcommittee meeting is February 1 to discuss policy options
- Local ordinance should be ready by spring

7. Solid Waste Plan – Vicky Beaumont, Policy Liaison

- Solid Waste Plan will be discussed at the council committee meeting on February 5
- SWAC members will attend for public comment

Wrap Up:

8. Review: Katie Kennedy, Vice-Chair

9. Preliminary agenda for next meeting – February 6, 2013

- Introduce New Officers
- Review Draft Work Plan
- Confirm Tours
- Debrief of February 5th City Council meeting

7:01 PM - Meeting adjourned