



Co-Chairs: Joseph Ringold & Wendy Walker

Vice Chair: Katie Kennedy

Secretary: Katherine Salinas

Present: Joseph Ringold, Dan Corum, Katie Kennedy, Wendy Walker, Katherine Salinas, Carl Pierce, Rob Stephenson

Absent: Hieu Lam, Hannah Swee, Neil Parry, Signe Gilson, Julie Pond

Staff: Vicky Beaumont, Teresa Rayburn, Dick Lilly, Shirli Axelrod, Carl Woestwin

5:07 pm Call to Order

1. Regular Business, Wendy Walker, Co-Chair

- a. Meeting notes approved – February 6, 2013
- b. Chair Report – Wendy and Joseph welcome feedback on roles, meetings, and outside committee projects. Looking forward to working on cross-committee projects as there are many things that overlap the three committees.
- c. Membership Updates – this is the last meeting for Carl Pierce, Rob Stephenson, Signe Gilson and Julie Pond as members. Neil Parry has resigned from the committee.
- d. Report on action items from February:
 - Product stewardship letters were finalized and will be posted on web
 - Cedar Grove tour was interesting and very informative; thank you letter has been sent
 - Climate Action Plan open house was arranged according to interest
 - Final SWAC 2013 work plan will be posted on web

2. Waste Prevention Program Update – Dick Lilly, Shirli Axelrod, Carl Woestwin, SPU Staff

- **Bulky-item pickup:** Carpets and mattresses have always been picked up by SPU. Potential changes will move the bulky items from the waste stream to the recycling stream as is already done with refrigerators, freezers, electronics, etc.
- **Grasscycling spring promotion:** SPU received funds from the Department of Ecology. Prior promotions in 1998 and 2004 focused on disbursement of electric mulch mowers. This year the focus will be on advertising via radio and television and next year anticipate doing a case study with a landscape firm to analyze state of the art equipment, seasonal benefits, and cost savings (time, money and disposal).
- **Household food waste study pilot** started on January 6 and has 105 participants through the seventh week. Results will include the overall weight of food waste, then

broken down by how much is edible versus non-edible food waste. By June we should have the final results of the study and will report back to SWAC with those findings.

- **Food Plus** – changes to the ordinance will minimize consumer and restaurant mistakes, reducing contamination of the stream. Feedback was positive that SPU is headed in the right direction. Would like to ultimately see everything compostable to simplify the process for the customer and make contamination less likely.
- **Food Plus** – inspection visits and “Styrofoam” ban enforcement are taking place now that it has been in place for over three years. A ticket is \$513 for food service providers that do not comply after two warnings (one visit and one via mail).

3. One Less Truck - Vicky Beaumont, Policy Liaison

- SWAC will make a recommendation once the pilot report is ready
- There will be a website with the pilot report and another survey to collect feedback
- Members would like to participate in the survey development and will encourage participation in the survey by handing out cards, attending events, etc.
- Members would like a one page summary of the report so that people understand the benefits and impacts
- Action: SWAC members will volunteer for specific duties at the next meeting

4. 2012 Disposed Tons – Vicky Beaumont, Policy Liaison

- Overall the trend continues downward
- The reason we rely on other measures than per-capita is because Seattle has a larger daytime population than nighttime population
- Periodically we calculate disposal tonnage per household

5. State Legislation – Vicky Beaumont, Policy Liaison

- The legislative session has been very active
- Vicky highlighted key topics moving through the state and gave an overall view of the process that a bill must go through before it is finalized

6. Honor Outgoing Committee Members – Vicky Beaumont, Policy Liaison

- Carl, Rob and Julie received certificates and mugs to honor their service on the committee
- Wendy and Dan received certificate and have renewed their membership for another term

Wrap Up:

7. Review: Wendy Walker, Co-Chair

a) Recommendations

b) Action Items:

- Vicky will obtain Allied Waste contact to schedule an upcoming tour
- Vicky will send product stewardship letters to Teresa to post on webpage

8. Preliminary agenda for next meeting – April 3, 2013

- Update on night garbage/noise impacts – Hans VanDusen
- One Less Truck

9. Possible future agenda items

7:01 PM - Meeting adjourned