

Meeting Notes



SPU Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

August 7, 2013

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: Joseph Ringold, Katie Salinas, Wendy Walker

Absent: Katie Kennedy (on leave), Dan Corum, Hieu Lam

Guests: Stephanie Terrell (for Katie Kennedy), Carl Pierce, John Chelminiak, Signe Gilson

Staff: Tim Croll, Brett Stav, Dick Lilly, Sheryl Shapiro, Teresa Rayburn

5:04 pm Call to Order

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

- Meeting notes approved - June 5, 2013

2. **Recycling Rate** - Councilmember Jean Godden, Seattle City Council

- Councilmember Godden was appreciative of the letter she received from SWAC and supports both recommendations SWAC presented to increase the recycling rate
- Discussed encouragement rather than enforcement, communication investments, education resources
- Councilmember Godden has been meeting with stakeholders, including businesses that would be affected by the legislation
- How can SWAC be involved?
 - Continue communication with the rest of the City Council via telephone calls, email and letters to inform them of the legislation and that it will be presented to the full council in the fall
 - Develop case studies to show bill comparisons and cost savings to use during outreach
 - Help with outreach and education

3. **One Less Truck Pilot Study Report** – Brett Stav, SPU Staff

- Implementing One Less Truck would save \$5-6 million per year
- Reduces truck impacts, traffic, and emissions
- Encourages recycling and composting

- The One Less Truck Pilot took place from July 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012
- The pilot looks to understand potential impacts by obtaining feedback from Seattle customers (impacts based on neighborhood, recycling and composting benefits, reactions to different rate options)
- Will use the pilot study to obtain recommendations from SWAC and the Customer Service Panel

4. Product Stewardship 101 - Dick Lilly, SPU Staff

- See PowerPoint
- Northwest Product Stewardship Committee (NWPSC)
<http://productstewardship.net/>
- E-Cycle Washington
<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/eproductrecycle/>
- Product Stewardship Council (SPU is a member)
<http://www.productstewardship.us/>
- SWAC will write letters when the upcoming bills are introduced

Wrap Up:

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

a) Recommendations

b) Action Items:

- One Less Truck Pilot report response

6. Next meeting is September 4, 2013

7:05 PM - Meeting adjourned