

Chair: Mike McComber

Vice Chair: David Ruggiero

Secretary: Nicole Riss

In attendance: , Mike McComber, Kim Ducoté, Jonathan Rivin, Rita Smith, Nicole Riss, David Ruggiero, Theo Mbabaliye, Carl Pierce

Staff: Vicky Beaumont, George Sidles, Linda Rogers, Daniel Stoops

Guests: Tim Croll, SPU; Teri Barclay, PHSKC; Pete Grogan Dan Gee

Absent: Signe Gilson

5:00 pm Call to Order

Administration:

Chair Report:

- November, 2008 minutes approved
- Introduction of Dan Stoops, SPU
- December Tours – Total Reclaim and Nucor Steel -- those who attended indicated was great experience, providing better understanding by seeing rather than just reading about the facilities
- Review of Prior Meeting Action Items –
 - 2009 SWAC Work Plan

Monthly Topics:

5. SPU 2009 Strategic Outlook - Briefing

- Tim Croll reviewed strategic business plan, identifying primary drivers – economy, and customer/stakeholders higher expectations.
- Tim Croll also provided briefing on solid waste pickup during December snow event – 42% customers missed 2 pickups during three-week period; prime missed days were Monday, Thursday, and Friday. Customers who missed 2 pickups on these 3 days will be issued \$5 credit

6. Recycling Markets – Briefing

- Pete Grogan provided briefing on Asian markets, especially China
- China received majority of exported recycle paper – produced as much paper as USA in 2008; due to population is using more paper
- USA recovered paper is major factor in providing China's increased paper need.
- Dan Gee provided briefing on local situation in Northwest
 - December showed cost drop largest on record

7. New Contracts Implementation -- Briefing

- In 10-week count-down; mailer going well
- February – will deliver containers to new subscribers;
- Curb waste newsletter will go out with new rates, how to information
- March- another mailer with calendar and guidelines with date change
- Information published in 7 languages
- Council briefing on implementation will be made mid-March
- Rita Smith requested feedback on educational materials – useful or not; has short turnaround time to develop, stage, and advance information. Print within next 2-3 weeks.
- Rita indicated SWIM (Solid Waste Information Meeting) - contractors have more responsibility for creating educational materials than in the past; working closely with City in development

8. 2009 Work Plan – Discussion

- Vicky Beaumont reviewed 2009 Work Plan, with incorporated modifications from 2008 meetings.
- SWAC members expressed interest in furthering waste reduction efforts in Seattle.
- Vicky talked about some recent product stewardship efforts and achievements reached through the auspices of the Northwest Product Stewardship Council, of which SPU is a member. Perhaps there's a way the Seattle SWAC can lend support. The NWPSC was highly instrumental bringing in the state manufacturer/retailer funded electronics take-back program which went live this year. They have also done a lot to bring the legislation currently before the state legislature proposing product stewardship solutions for unwanted medicines and mercury-containing lighting (CFLs).
- The work of the NWPSC also overlaps, also receives funding from, the Local Hazardous Waste Management Plan (LHWMP), the Seattle/King County authority for managing moderate risk waste. Jay Watson, the LHWMP's administrator, requested time on the Feb SWAC agenda. LHWMP is launching its comprehensive process, which may provide the SWAC an additional opportunity to promote waste reduction.

Wrap Up:

Action Items:

- Vicky will check on the status of SPU's "BANS2" report, which is expected to contain recommendations for additional materials that could be managed by a product stewardship approach, will be completed soon and brought to the SWAC.
- Vicky will talk with Dick Lilly, the waste prevention business area manager. Perhaps he can brief SWAC Feb or Mar about other waste prevention/reduction activities 2009. And perhaps find opportunities where SWAC can contribute.
- Vicky will also talk to Dick about the possibility of bringing in a speaker from the Northwest Product Stewardship Council (NWPSC),
- Would like more tours; recommended Cedar Grove, Recycle Center; Kim volunteered to work with Aurora to set these up.

Preliminary Agenda for Next Meeting**Chair**

- Review & Approve minutes for January meeting
- Waste Reduction - per the results of the Action Items above.
- Local Hazardous Waste Management Plan's upcoming comprehensive plan process
– Jay Watson

7:05 PM Meeting adjourned.