

Chair: Carl Pierce

Vice Chair: David Ruggiero

Secretary: Nicole Riss

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

Staff/Guests: Vicky Beaumont, Gabriella Uhlar-Heffner, Dick Lilly, Henry Friedman, Teri Barclay

Absent: none

5:00 pm Call to Order

Administration:

Chair Report:

Carl and Vicky attended the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) Technical Meeting: Climate Change event on September 10, 2008. More information can be found at http://www.swananw.org/documents/swanatechflierseptsymposium808_000.pdf or www.swana.org

August meeting minutes approved.

Monthly Topics:

5. Dumpster Free Alleys – Administrative Rule

Gabriella Uhlar-Heffner reviewed the Draft Administrative Rule (DR-01-08) regarding restrictions on public right-of-ways, and setout times before and after collection. The main purpose of this rule is to clarify the current language of "reasonable time" to a definable unit. Street cleaning is not addressed in this draft.

SWAC is asked to send questions and comments to Vicky no later than Wednesday September 24th.

6. Bag Fee

Dick Lilly updated SWAC on the bag fee. Due to the Referendum, implementation activities are on hold until further notice. Promotion of re-use will continue through direct mail.

Motion to write letter encouraging the removal of plastics bags from the "recyclable" items list to Seattle Public Utilities was proposed by David. 6 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstain, 1 absent.

7. Facility Rebuilds

Henry Friedman updated SWAC on progress of the South Transfer Station. Six Statements of Qualifications have been received. Three or four of these will be invited to submit a full proposal, which will involve enough design work for a hard bid. A stipend of \$150,000 will be provided to each bidder though this is not expected to cover their costs incurred during the bid process. Design must be LEED Silver or better. Existing self-haul will be sorted by a "picker" manned by a single person as opposed to a sort-line. After construction of South Transfer Station, City will have the capacity to reach its goal of 60% of waste recycled.

8. Site Tours

Recovery 1 tour will be on October 17, 2008. SWAC members will meet at Seattle Municipal Tower to be taken to the Tacoma plant by a city van and driver. Kim will confirm meeting time. Total Reclaim (2200 6th Ave S) tour will be in the morning of November 18th. Nucor Steel (2424 SW Andover St) will be in the afternoon. SWAC members will need to arrange their own transportation. Kim will confirm tour times.

9. Joint CAC Meeting

Annual joint meeting with all CAC groups will likely occur in March '09. Waste Water CAC group expressed interest in learning more about SWAC work, especially dumpster free allys, fats/oils/grease, used motor oil and pharmaceutical take-back program. Details of such topics are available in previous SWAC Meeting Minutes. Best course of action determined to be online information sharing with the possibility of "member-swap" if needed.

Wrap Up:

Action Items:

- ✓ David will draft letter from Item 6, to be sent to Seattle Public Utilities no later than Friday September 26th. Comments solicited from SWAC member via email.
- ✓ Kim will coordinate with Aurora to finalize tour times.

Discussion for next month:

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7:05 pm Meeting adjourned.