

Meeting Notes



SPU Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

March 19th, 2008

Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 Fifth Avenue

Room 4696

5 p.m.-7 p.m.

Chair: Carl Pierce

Vice Chair: David Ruggiero

Secretary: Nicole Riss

In attendance: Signe Gilson, Nicole Riss, Kim Ducote, David Ruggiero, Rita Smith, Mike McComber, Carl Pierce

Guests: Teri Barclay, Seattle/King County Health Department

Staff: George Sidles, Henry Friedman, Sheryl Shapiro, Ticiang Diangson, Marcia Rutan, Vicky Beaumont,

Absent: Theogene Mbabaliye

Call to order.

Group photos for web page were taken

Administration:

Chair Report:

Reminder to all SWAC members that the annual CAC gathering is Monday, April 7th. New member orientation is from 3:30 – 4:15pm, annual combined meeting is from 4:30 – 6:15pm. Please RSVP with Aurora Mendoza.

February meeting minutes approved.

Monthly Topics:

New Contracts:

George Sidles indicated the City Council committee will vote on new contracts the week of 3/24. Full council vote is likely to occur the week of 3/31. Feedback from the committee was brief and positive. Contractors will have all services for their area with the exception of C&D. Commercial food waste will be done by Clean

Scapes for city-wide service (that is, service arranged and billed through the city). Cedar Grove will continue to operate on the open market.

NRDS Reconstruction SEPA Determination:

Henry Friedman indicated that no comments were made on the SEPA determination for South so there will be no appeal. Extensive outreach that previously occurred will be continued in the future. The document is still under review and can be found by typing "new facilities" on the web page. The bus barn still needs a new site. The determination for North will be out within a few weeks and SWAC members are invited to review it and make comments.

Environmental Justice & Service Equity at SPU:

Ticiang Diangson spoke about rate payer equity and service equity as part of the Mayor's Race and Social Justice Initiative. Part of the initiative is to define the social bottom line, and determine whether information and programs are truly accessible to all Seattle residents. In addition to other tactics, this is done by analyzing the number of missed pickups, water outages, backups, etc. Ecovillage festivals coming up. Recommended PBS video "Race, the Power of an Illusion". <http://spuweb/ejse/>

Multi-Family Food Waste Pilot:

Marcia Rutan spoke about ongoing assessment of multi-family food waste recycling. During Phase 1 of the Multi-Family Food Waste Collection Pilot 9 properties in northern Seattle participated (a total of 695 units). Some were given indoor bins without biodegradable bags, some were given biodegradable bags only, some were given indoor bins only. On-site and off-site trainings were conducted though both were poorly attended and are not likely to be repeated. Participation rate was high with very little contamination. Spreadsheet distributed.

Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan:

Vicky Beaumont indicated that the last plan was done in 2005 so the next plan needs to be in place for 2010. The project plan (guide) to update the plan was discussed, especially section A, section C, and section D. Emphasis is on evaluation and monitoring. The new guide is comprehensive and unusual in that it is designed to be very reader-friendly. SWAC unanimously approved the direction of the plan which will now move forward.

Dog Poop in Recycling Bins:

Kim will check with Allied operations managers about the size of this problem before the group discusses whether or not to propose adding this topic to SWAC's 2008 work plan.

Wrap Up:

Action Items:

- ✓ Sheryl Shapiro will send SWAC information on upcoming Ecovillage Festivals.
- ✓ SWAC members are asked to comment on sections A, B, and C of the Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan
- ✓ Kim will research level of severity of dog poop in recycling bins.
- ✓ Carl will email SWAC to survey whether dog poop item should be added to the next agenda.

Discussion for next month:

- ◇ Continued discussion of SWAC involvement concerning Ecology guidelines, Recycling and Reduction Resolution.
- ◇ Open discussion on Combined CAC meeting effectiveness and networking.
- ◇ Rates briefing on timeline and progress.
- ◇ Are SWAC's recruiting efforts effective can they be improved

Meeting adjourned.