Meeting Notes

SPU Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)



July 15, 2009 Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 Fifth Avenue Room 4096 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

Chair: Mike McComber Vice Chair: David Ruggiero Secretary: Nicole Riss

In attendance: Mike McComber, Chair; Eric Johnson; Todd Johnson; George Kukahiko; Carl Pierce; Nicole Riss; David Ruggiero **Absent:** Signe Gilson; Theo Mbabaliye; Rita Smith

Staff: Vicky Beaumont, Linda Rogers, Corinne Brown; Michael Davis; Henry Friedman Guests: Teri Barclay

5:00 pm Call to Order

Administration:

Chair Report:

- o July, 2009 minutes approved
- Mike McComber briefly went over cover letter for the 2009 Recycling Report, including a request to City Council to extend the report due date to September

Monthly Topics:

3. Solid Waste Contracts Outreach - Briefing

- Michael Davis gave briefing on Environmental & Social Justice Equity's (ESJE) work with historically underserved groups to help with the contracts transition
 - o Developed presentations of information in many different languages;
 - Have provided field trips to compost facility to show what's happening with waste, and the end product
 - Participated in multiple community festivals to continue community partnership in recycling programs

4. South Transfer Station Rebuild - Discussion

- Henry Friedman presented timeline for the South Station rebuild, and the opportunity for the SWAC to participate in the design review process.
 - Design proposals are due by 8/17/2009.
 - 9/3/2009 South Station stakeholders review proposals; focus on quality of services of proposal and quality of proposal. SWAC members are invited to join this meeting.
 - 9/8/2009 and 9/15/2009 evaluation committee will meet from 2-5 in SMT. Representatives from the Sept 3 meeting will convey their opinions at one of these meetings.
 - George and Rita have expressed interest in participating in the design review meeting on Sept 3. Carl is already a member of the south rebuild stakeholder group.

5. –Web Pages - Discussion

- Corinne Brown presented information on the Seattle Public Utilities external web site.
- In the future she would like feedback on web design elements from SWAC members.

- The emailed comments from Mike and David on new web design were very helpful.
- Cassandra Harvey shared some of the web requirements as set forth by the City Web Standards group, which can sometimes limit what departments can do on their websites.
- Carl and Nicole proposed the web work should be addressed by sub-committee to free up time at standard monthly meetings.

6. SWAC E-Mail List - Discussion

- David Ruggerio asked about the Yahoo groups SWAC address. Asked if anyone was using this for group mailings. As of right now, it does not appear to be used. Carl recommended this be kept for potential future need as there is no cost for this. The list needs to be maintained by someone.
- Emails and files from SPU must be sent through SPU email

7. SWAC 2009 Work Plan Review – Briefing

- Cedar Grove food waste issue bio-cycle see if Jerry Bartlett can come talk to the SWAC about this issue
- Grant dollars ask Dick and Joel to talk about the grant
- Commercial recycle food waste ask George to discuss if any new things are coming up in this area
- Container Free alleys pictures and how it's working issues at Bell Tower, 1st & Bell
- Update on number of items recyclable added but not being recycled delivered but no market. Possibly add to December next year or one year after launch.

8. Recruitment – Discussion

- Brief discussion and poll of members as to who may be returning for 2010 need to provide information to Aurora Mendoza so we know how to target our recruiting for the 2010 SWAC
 - o 3 members indicated not yet sure;
 - 1 member indicated would like to stay on at least until summer 2010 until North Station Transfer Station rebuild process is underway;
 - o 1 member not returning

Wrap Up:

• SWAC will not hold the August meeting. Will next meet September 16, 2009.

Recommendations:

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Action Items:

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Preliminary Agenda for Next Meeting

- Approve meeting minutes for July, 2009
- Julie Vorhes Parks Recycle Pilot report
- Gabriella to be scheduled for future meeting for C&D regulations discussion

7:00 PM Meeting adjourned.