Meeting Notes



SPU Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

December 5th, 2012

Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 Fifth Avenue Room 5965 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

Chair: Julie Pond

Co-Vice Chairs: Katie Kennedy, Wendy Walker

Secretary: Katherine Salinas

Present: Julie Pond, Signe Gilson, Katie Kennedy, Joseph Ringold, Katherine Salinas, Rob

Stephenson

Absent: Dan Corum, Neil Parry, Carl Pierce, Wendy Walker

Staff: Vicky Beaumont, Linda Rogers, Sheryl Shapiro, Jeff Neuner, SPU Staff

5:08 pm Call to Order

1. Regular Business, Julie Pond, Chair

- a. Meeting notes approved November 7, 2012
- b. Outstanding to-do's
 - Outreach recommendations no additional items were sent to Sheryl Shapiro.
- c. Chair report

2. Station Rebuilds – Jeff Neuner, SPU Staff Update on status

- South Transfer Station
 - South transfer station is almost completed; punch list of items for contractor to complete is being worked through;
 - o May open to collected waste in late January, 2013, and bring self haul on in February
 - o Performance testing for approximately 6 weeks into operation that will stress the facility for tons/commercial trips and self haul
- North transfer station .
 - Designer CDM Smith was brought on under contract in early November, and SPU has started programming workshops
 - Will reengage at the 30% design level with the community and SWAC, probably July at the earliest
 - General contractor interviews have been held, and SPU has shortlisted two firms
 - Partial price proposals are due the week of December 10th
 - Construction is planned for 2014-2016
- South Recycle and Disposal Station Phase 2
 - SPU is looking at the various needs for re-purposing the old transfer station property, and doing overall programming in the first half of 2013
 - 3 main elements being concentrated on: landfill closure (South Park Landfill remediation project), recycling/reuse, trailer parking, and Household Hazardous Waste collection facility

- Other utility needs are being considered if space allows
- o SPU plans to get a design firm under contract in late 2013

3. 2013 SWAC Officer Elections - Julie Pond, Chair

- Julie reminded SWAC that officer elections will be occurring at the January meeting
- Asked who is interested in the different positions: chair, vice-chair, secretary
- Each of the 2012 officers explained their individual duties, and the time commitment with each
- Katie Salinas indicated she'd be interested in continuing as secretary if no one else is interested
- SWAC will need to elect a chair, vice-chair, and secretary
- Action: Linda is to send out notice to members about elections, asking them to think of what position they would be interested in for 2013
 - Linda will also request Sheryl Shapiro send out form to all SWAC members for those who wish to re-apply for another term.

4. Letter re Medicine Return Legislation to Board of Health (King County & Seattle) – Julie Pond

- Julie reviewed the letter that has not yet gone out, pending input from the other Citizen Advisory Committees
- The SWAC offered some suggestions for final revisions
- Action: Julie will make agreed-upon revisions and send letter out to the Board of Health, with copies to the CACs; also have draft prepared for CDWAC to review at 12/12/12 meeting.

5. Tours - Julie Pond, Chair

The SWAC discussed potential tours; agreed to wait until 2013, and discuss at future meeting. Some suggestions to consider for tours included:

- What are priorities for tours?
- Where do we want to go? Suggestion to engage new 2013 members and refocus on this 1Q13
- Action: Katie Salinas will send out a lift of facilities and potential dates may be able to coordinate a tour in January.
 - Joseph Ringold volunteered to assist calling facilities to get available dates and hours
- Is a weekend tour an option? Many facilities are not fully operational on weekends and not set up for tours; this may not be the best option.
- **Action**: To be further discussed at the January meeting, or later when new members come on board.

6. 2013 Work Plan, Vicky Beaumont, Policy Liaison

Information from SPU not available as of this meeting to work on this; will bring forward at January 2013 meeting

 Action: Vicky will bring SPU's 2013 plan to next meeting to inform SWAC's discussion on 2013 Work Plan

- 7. Announcement: Construction & Demolition Ordinance passed Tuesday, 12/3/12.
- **8. Strategic Plan –** Vicky Beaumont, Policy Liaison
 - Strategic plan, similar to the one done by Seattle City Light, is being requested of SPU for all 3 lines of business
 - Intention is to set rate path for next six years
 - o Advisory committee involvement will be requested as this plan is developed
 - Work happening in 2013 and beyond; will include public engagement

9. One Less Truck Report - Julie Pond, Chair

- Discussed preliminary findings on pilot project
- Pilot reflected reduction in garbage tonnage per household
- Report does not include recycle and yardwaste information
- Action: Ask Carl W to attend future meeting and explain report after pilot ends possibly February 2013 meeting

10. January SWAC Meeting - Vicky Beaumont

- The scheduled January meeting is for January 2nd. This is the first day back to work.
- Suggestion was made to reschedule the January meeting to January 23rd. This would give 2 weeks between the January meeting and the regularly scheduled February meeting.
- The SWAC agreed to change the January meeting to January 23rd as this works better for most of the members.

Wrap Up:

- 11. Review: Julie Pond, Chair
 - a) Recommendations
 - b) Action Items:
 - Outreach suggestions to be sent to Sheryl Shapiro.

12. Preliminary agenda for next meeting – January 23rd, 2013

- Work planning
- Officer Elections
- Potential Tours

13. Possible future agenda items

6:25 PM - Meeting adjourned