**Meeting Notes** 

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# **SPU Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)**

June 6<sup>th</sup>, 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, Katie Kennedy, Katherine Salinas, Signe Gilson, Dan Corum, Carl

Pierce, Rob Stephenson

Absent: Wendy Walker

**Staff:** Tim Croll, Vicky Beaumont, Carl Woestwin, Jennifer Woods **Guests:** Bill Lasby, PHSKC; Joseph Ringold, prospective member

5:03 pm Call to Order

## **Administration:**

## 1. Regular Business:

- a. May meeting notes approved with correction of typo on Page 2.
- b. Activities since last meeting:
  - New member orientation May 22;
  - STS ribbon cutting May 30
- c. Chair report– Conversation with Mayor at STS ribbon cutting,

### **Monthly Topics:**

#### 2. Processing Agreement

Tim Croll

- Briefing on the process of renewing agreements for recycling and organics processing.
- SPU has accepted a variety of proposals for organics processing and are reviewing responses to the request for proposals. Cedar Grove is under contract until 2015. The recycling processing contract with Republic has been extended.
- SPU may diversify providers based on factors such as sustainability, prescriptive requirements and price. The acceptance of a proposal involves from SPU staff, planners, economists and then the proposal and recommended decision goes to the Director for final acceptance.
- Questions included:
  - o Who is involved in the decision to accept a proposal?

# 3. Every Other Week/One Less Truck

**Carl Woestwin** 

 Briefing on the final version of the Evaluation Plan and other updates from the subcommittee.

- The pilot area households have been sent a survey and have until December to return it to SPU. There are two rates in the pilot areas, flat and increasing. In the meantime, SPU has and will be hosting public meetings in the four pilot areas. If a customer misses their pickup time, then he/she will not have a penalty the first time, but will thereafter.
- The evaluation plan will help staff distinguish the impacts of the pilot on customers and neighborhoods, the amount of public awareness and outreach needed, the amount of contamination and the amount of tonnage (measured quarterly). The end result will be a report on all five objectives of the evaluation plan. After which, the report will go to Council, so they may decide whether to halt or continue the pilot or convert the pilot into a service. There are no other comparable municipalities with comparable programs to gauge the success of this pilot.
- The One Less Truck (OLT) Subcommittee will meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month.
- Questions included:
  - o Are the rates different in each area?
  - o What is the policy for missed garbage pickup under the pilot?
  - Is there an evaluation plan from Oregon or other Washington cities that may be a good comparison?

# 4. Annual Report

**Vicky Beaumont** 

- Briefing on the status of developing this report, sharing available results, and discussing when we expect to need the SWAC's feedback and letter.
- In summary, Single family recycling rate has increased while the multi-family recycling and tonnage rate has decreased. Commercial has increased in total generation. The summary numbers include all recycling and reporting requirements for 2007 in the Zero Waste Resolution. Next week a draft will be sent to SWAC, SWAC reports comments about the report by June 20<sup>th</sup> to SPU staff and after a letter will be provided by SWAC to document their review of the report.
- ACTION ITEM: Chair to aggregate comments and send to SPU staff by noon, June 20. Chair to send letter to SPU staff by the end of business, June 22.

# 5. Solid Waste Management Plan

**Vicky Beaumont** 

- Briefing on the status of the SEPA process and timeline to final adoption.
- Staff is currently awaiting comments from the Department of Ecology. After which, staff
  will revise the draft plan as needed. The next steps in the decision making process
  would include Council support and then final Department of Ecology approval. The
  current schedule for this is tentative with the plan going to Council possibly by
  December.

6. Tours Katie Salinas

- Facility tour planning status and next steps for setting up.
- Members discussed possible tour destinations, including Allied Waste's Medical Recycling Facility (MRF), Cedar Grove, Ecullet, Waste Management's Medical Waste Facility, Nucor and Columbia Ridge Landfill.

• ACTION ITEM: Katie S. to send out more information about member's preferred options, Ecullet and Waste Management's Medical Waste Facility, and possible tour dates and times, possibly the second or fifth week in July.

### 7. Upcoming Events & Reminders:

**Vicky Beaumont** 

- Tuesday, June 26 3:00pm the CAC chairs and vice-chairs meet with CM Godden.
- Wednesday, June 27 5:00pm Annual All CAC members meeting at City Hall
- July 4 Monthly SWAC meeting CANCELLED

### Wrap Up:

8. Review Chair

- a) Recommendations
- b) Action Items:
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  - Katie S. to send out more information about member's preferred options, Ecullet and Waste Management's Medical Waste Facility, and possible tour dates and times, possibly the second or fifth week in July.
- 9. Preliminary agenda for next meeting
- 10. Possible future agenda items

5:40 PM - Meeting adjourned