



Committee Members	Present?	SPU Staff /Guest	Role
Danny Barksdale	Yes	Sheryl Anayas	SPU – Senior Program Manager, CPT
Joel Dashnaw	Yes	Jemini Davis	SPU – Solid Waste Administrative Support
Rina Fa’amoe-Cross	Yes	Pat Kaufman	SPU – Commercial Recycling Manager
Celine Fujikawa	Yes	Katie Lynd	SPU – SWAC Program Coordinator
Brie Kuhn	Yes	Socorro Medina	SPU – Recycling & Composting Program Manager
Nico Onoda-McGuire	No	Carolyn Bowie	Guest – Department of Ecology
Alessandra Pistoia	Yes	Katie Swanson	Guest – Tilth
Hannah Scholes	Yes	Heather Trim	Guest – Zero Waste WA
Adrian Tan	Yes	Diana Wadley	Guest – Department of Ecology
Ming-Ming Tung Edelman	Yes		
Dirk Wassink	Yes		

1. Welcome & Introductions

- SWAC Co-Chair, Brie Kuhn, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM
- Members and guests introduced themselves. Prompted by the SWAC co-chair, they each shared their name, affiliation, and what they feel is the first sign of spring.
- March meeting minutes were approved by SWAC members in attendance

2. Comments on SWLOB Updates for SWAC

SWAC members individually viewed the updates from the SWLOB

- **A SWAC member asked,** “Is there a timeline available for the deliverables proposed by the Community Partnerships Team?”
- **A SWAC member asked,** “Will results of the waste composition study at South Transfer Station be available for SWAC to review?”

These questions were recorded by SPU staff. We will follow-up with SWAC to provide answers.

3. Love Food Stop Waste Digital Campaign

Sheryl Anayas gave an overview on the waste prevention program she manages.

- Campaign was started to explore tactics beyond in-person outreach
- Roughly 30% of Seattle’s landfill-bound waste is food waste
- Overall campaign goal is to encourage residential households and individuals in the City of Seattle to reduce food waste at home
- LFSW resources are available on our website and translated in up to 11 languages

- Next steps
 - Expand launch of Campaign #2
 - Work with more local ethnic media channels
 - Continue to collect feedback & review data
 - Continued work in digital space
- **A SWAC member asked**, “How did SPU determine which non-English communities to target in this campaign?”
- **A SPU member responded**, “We used data from the US Census Bureau to identify communities within Seattle.”
- **A SWAC member asked**, “Does SPU have a way to really measure food waste?”
- **A SPU member responded**, “It is difficult to do, but yes. We are able to utilize the data from the waste composition study that is completed every few years.”
- **A SPU member commented**, “A recent waste study showed that about 14% of food in garbage was identified as edible.”
- **A SWAC member asked**, “Do you have a breakdown of which food groups are wasted more?”
- **A SPU member responded**, “There will be further categorization in the future that will give us more details.”

4. Multifamily Recycling & Outreach

Socorro Medina provided an overview on SPU’s efforts to provide residents with information to improve recycling

- **Seattle’s Multifamily Sector**
 - 6,500 buildings
 - 200,000 households
 - 280,000 residents
 - 36% of total population
- **Goals**
 - Increase participation in food scraps collection
 - Decrease contamination in compost and recycle
- **Output & Outcomes**
 - Since 2016, 1610 properties and 208,649 have benefited from technical assistances offered by SPU
- **Opportunities & Future Goals**
 - Nearly 60% of the materials are recyclable/compostable
 - Increase participation in recycling and reduce plastic bag contamination
 - Collaborate with Solid Waste Development Review Specialists to ensure that future buildings have easy access to recycle/compost
- **A SWAC member asked**, “Is it difficult to engage resident to change their behaviors in terms of recycling and composting?”
- **A SPU member responded**, “I believe that customers are motivated to do the right thing. The people we talk to are thankful for the resources we provide.”

5. Meeting in-person

- SWAC members completed an anonymous survey during the meeting to gauge how the group feels about holding SWAC meetings in-person
- Results will be compiled after the meeting and shared with SWAC

6. Around the Table

- Second Use will host three handmade markets over the course of the year, each curated to showcase a diverse range of work. The first takes place on April 23.
- In March, Ecology approved the Hazardous Waste Management Plan for The Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County. All current Ecology approved Local SW & HW Plans and CROPs are now posted in one place - <https://app.box.com/s/u0cwvenm0wp0axx4yurjgtajigk00c74> (The file structure is still in development, and input is welcome.)
- Carolyn Bowie has been hired into Ecology
- Public Comment Period begins next week and will last for 4 weeks
- Refugee Arts Initiative is hosting their grand opening on June 16. SWAC is invited.
- King County Solid Waste Division is making \$1.8 million in funding available for local recycling, reuse and waste reduction projects through its Re+ Circular Economy Grant Program. Proposers are eligible for \$20,000 to \$300,000 per project. Application deadline is Friday, May 6, 2022, at 2 p.m. <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/dnrp/solid-waste/garbage-recycling/re-plus.aspx>

7. SWAC Chat

- Café-style Conversations were setup via WebEx breakout rooms. Attendees had the option to transition between different breakout rooms to have more in-depth conversations on solid waste matters.

Adjourned 7:30 p.m.