



SPU Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

January 5, 2022 Meeting Notes
Webex
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

*Chair: Joel Dashnaw
Co-Chair: Brie Kuhn*

Committee Members	Present?	SPU Staff /Guest	Role
Danny Barksdale	Yes	Jemini Davis	SPU - Solid Waste Administrative Support
Joel Dashnaw	Yes	Sego Jackson	SPU – Solid Waste LOB Policy Liaison
Rina Fa’amoe-Cross	Yes	Stephanie Schwenger	SPU – Commercial Recycling Manager
Celine Fujikawa	Yes	Carolyn Bowie	Guest – Department of Ecology
Brie Kuhn	Yes	Diana Wadley	Guest – Department of Ecology
Nico Onoda-McGuire	Yes	Heather Trim	Guest – Zero Waste WA
Alessandra Pistoia	Yes		
Hannah Scholes	Yes		
Adrian Tan	Yes		
Ming-Ming Tung Edelman	No		
Dirk Wassink	Yes		

1. Welcome & Introductions

- SWAC Chair, Joel Dashnaw, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM
- Members and guests introduced themselves. Prompted by the SWAC chair, they each shared their name, affiliation, and their New Year’s resolution.
- December meeting minutes were approved by SWAC members in attendance

2. Comments on SWLOB Updates for SWAC

SWAC members can ask questions and provide comments on the SWLOB updates via the follow-up survey.

- **A SWAC member asked**, “Is the Clear Alleys Program managed by Solid Waste and SPU? Or, from a different department in the City?”
- **A SPU member responded**, “The CAP is managed by SPU, but within the Clean Cities Division of our People, Community, and Culture Branch”.

3. Solid Waste 101

Solid Waste Planning & Program Management Division Director, Susan Fife-Ferris, is planning to give a Solid Waste 101 presentation to SWAC. Susan would like to hear from SWAC members what might be of most interest to cover.

- **A SWAC member referenced** a previous activity SPU provided in which guests were presented with a variety and items and had to determine whether each was garbage, compost, or recycling. Would like to see another similar activity offered.

- **A SWAC member** would be interested in learning about how SPU incorporates racial equity into outreach for Solid Waste
- This will be a topic included in the follow-up survey for SWAC members to provide additional feedback

4. 2022 Work Planning Prep

SWAC reviewed topics that did not get covered in 2021 and made suggestions for items they would like to add in 2022.

- **A SWAC member mentioned** they would be interested in hearing from Ashima Sukhdev of SPU Government Relations with her circular economy.
- **A SWAC member commented** they would like to learn more about Solid Waste Inspection & Compliance.
- **A SWAC member asked**, “How does SPU get feedback from customers who are not actively engaged in solid waste?”
- **A SWAC member commented** they would like to learn more about Targeted Universalism
- This will be a topic included in the follow-up survey for SWAC members to provide additional feedback

5. 2022 Solid Waste Plan Update

SWAC members provided summaries of the chapters they were assigned.

- All SWAC members are encouraged to read the executive summary
- SPU may be able to provide waste-generated per employee in Seattle, if SWAC is interested. Stephanie Schwenger will confirm.
- Composition rate study has been completed by SPU and is available to be presented at a future SWAC meeting if there is interest
- Inclement weather plans from SPU’s Solid Waste Line of Business are available to be shared with SWAC, if interested

6. Around the Table

- Ran out of time and was unable to go around the group for announcements. Will try to provide more time for this topic at the next meeting.
- Please send any comments or upcoming events you would like to share to Katie and Jemini

Adjourned 7:30 p.m.