



SPU Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

November 3, 2021 Meeting Notes
Webex
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

*Co-Chair: Dirk Wassink
Co-Chair: Nico Onoda-McGuire*

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	Pat Kaufman	SPU – Commercial Recycling Manager
Celine Fujikawa	Yes	Katie Lynd	SPU – SWAC Program Coordinator
Brie Kuhn	No	Jeff Fowler	SPU – Solid Waste LOB Deputy Director
Adam Maurer	Yes	Heather Trim	Guest – Zero Waste WA
Nico Onoda-McGuire	Yes	Diana Wadley	Guest – Department of Ecology
Alessandra Pistoia	Yes	Cindy Arasim	Guest – Collaboration w/ Seattle Public Schools
Hannah Scholes	Yes		
Adrian Tan	Yes		
Ming-Ming Tung Edelman	Yes		
Dirk Wassink	Yes		

1. Welcome & Introductions

- SWAC Co-Chair, Dirk Wassink, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.
- Members introduced themselves. Prompted by the SWAC chair, they each shared their name, affiliation, and a food they disliked as a child.
- October meeting minutes were approved by SWAC members in attendance.

2. Comments on SWLOB Updates for SWAC

Updates were on display for attendees to review.

- **A SWAC member asked**, (in reference to update #2) “Will the case study that was completed by Eunomia be shared with SWAC?”
- **A SPU member responded**, “Yes, It should be available by the next SWAC meeting.”
- **A SPU member**, “One update that should be included for the Solid Waste Line of Business is that new signage was added to the North Transfer Station to help guide customers.”
- **A SWAC member asked**, (in reference to update #6) “Andrew Lee is listed in an interim role. Is there any information regarding who SPU will hire as the permanent CEO/GM?”
- **A SPU member responded**, “This is an appointed position that will be selected by the Mayor. It could take a while with elections going on now. SPU is planning on Andrew being in the position for at least the next six months.”
- **A SWAC member asked**, “How have the vaccine mandates affected SPU operations?”

- **A SPU member responded**, “We had over 90% of staff in Solid Waste submit proof of vaccination. We are working through shortages by hiring temporary staff and offering overtime to current employees”.
- **A SWAC member asked**, (in reference to update #1) “You’re hiring a lobbyist, will we be updated on their work?”
- **A SPU member responded**, “Yes, updates on their work will be provided to SWAC from either the LOB Policy Liaison or the LOB Deputy Director”.
- **A SWAC member asked**, (in reference to update #1) “What are the rough dates for the legislative session?”
- **A SPU member responded**, “First day of session is January 10. Last day of “regular session” (could always be an additional “special session”) is March 10.”

3. 2021-22 Officer Elections!

Katie Lynd shared a presentation and SWAC Officers shared their experience serving in their current roles.

- **Officers share their experience**
 - **A SWAC member commented**, “As a co-chair, you are also expected to attend the monthly Officers Meetings. This is where the agenda is developed, and we discuss ways to regularly enhance the SWAC.”
 - **A SWAC member commented**, “It has been a rewarding experience to serve as an officer.”
 - **A SWAC member commented**, “Thank you to the current officers. It feels like the SWAC has improved over the past couple of years.”
- **Timeline & Key Dates**
 - **Thursday, Nov 4th** – As part of the meeting recap, there will be a nominations form (Survey Monkey) for SWAC members to nominate and self-nominate
 - **Friday, November 12th** – nomination form will close
 - **Monday, November 15th** - Ballot will be sent out (Survey Monkey)
 - **Friday November 26th** - (day after Thanksgiving) voting closes
 - **December 1st** – At SWAC Meeting, new officers are announced
 - **December 9th** - Officers meeting with new and old officers
- **Questions**
 - **A SWAC member asked**, “Can I still run for a position as a new member who does not have a lot of experience?”
 - **A SPU member responded**, “Do not let your SWAC term deter you from running for a position. Becoming a SWAC Officer is a great way to learn more and stay involved. There will be resources available to you in addition to other SWAC members to ensure your success in the position”.
- **Nominations**
 - Nominate yourself or another SWAC member for an officer position of Chair, Co or Vice-Chair and Secretary! You can fill out the nomination form until Friday, November 12

4. 2021 Plan Update – Chapter Review & Next Steps

Katie Lynd shared a presentation to discuss the current status of the comp plan

- **Parameters of Review**
 - No editing or wordsmithing,
 - Become familiar with the content,
 - Ask questions if you're confused,
 - Tell us if something is a bad idea, and
 - Formulate opinions to share with other SWAC members.
- **Why SWAC Reviews in Advance**
 - Address *big clarifying questions* or *fatal flaws* prior to public comment,
 - *Ensure you are prepared* as a SWAC and as individuals to submit comments during public comment, and
 - *Be a promoter* of the plan during public comment.
 - We will provide a template for chapter feedback
- **2021 Plan Update Review: Timeline & Next Steps**
 - Before Thanksgiving - Full chapters will be sent out to SWAC members
 - SWAC members will decide how they are reviewing, chapter assignments, etc. now or via email
 - December 1st SWAC Meeting - go over public comment roles and tactics/tools, as well as share initial impressions of chapters
 - January 5th SWAC Meeting – discuss chapters as a group, share insights
 - Public Comment Period will be 4 weeks, likely in mid to late Q2
- **A SWAC member asked**, “Can you clarify SWAC members being a promoter of the plan?”
- **A SPU member responded**, “We envision SWAC helping determine where we share this information during the public comment period. Also, to be advocates through your networks and communities”.
- **A SWAC member asked**, “Are we going to decide which SWAC members are assigned specific chapters?”
- **A SPU member responded**, “We will add a question in the follow-up survey with a pick-list for SWAC members to choose from”.

5. Around the Table

- Seattle Good Business Network is participating as a panelist in an event to teach more about a new materials exchange tool in Washington. It will focus on Construction and Demolition Materials with a panel of industry experts representing the building community, salvage companies, local governments, and nonprofits.
 - If you would like to attend, the event will be held virtually on 11/16.
- Washington State Recycling Association will be hosting a webinar activity on 11/22 where they will provide new information on the EPR bill. You can also sign up to be on their email list for updates.

- Refugee Arts is continuing collaboration with coffee shops to get them to reuse their coffee bags and re-purpose them into art.
- On 11/9, SWAC member Ming-Ming Tung Edelman, will be recognized by King County for her work with the Refugee Arts Initiative.

6. SWAC Chat

- Café-style Conversations were setup via WebEx breakout rooms. Attendees had the option to transition between 4 breakout rooms in order to have more in-depth conversations on solid waste matters.

Adjourned 7:30 p.m.