



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

August 7, 2019 Meeting Notes  
Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 Fifth Avenue  
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

*Chair: Dirk Wassink  
Vice-Chair: Alessandra Pistoia*

Committee Members	Present?	SPU Staff	Role
Quinn Apuzzo	Y	Natasha Bailey	CAC Program Coordinator
Emily Newcomer	Y	Sheryl Shapiro	CAC Program Manager
Alan Garvey	N	Sego Jackson	Solid Waste LOB Policy Liaison
Amelia Fujikawa	N		
Adam Maurer	Y		
Rachtha Dahn	Y		
Alessandra Pistoia	Y		
Dirk Wassink	Y	<b>Guests</b>	
Nico Onoda-McGuire	Y		
Kelsie Blanthorn	Y		

**1. Regular Business**

- SWAC Chair, Dirk Wassink called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM
- Members and guests introduced themselves. Prompted by the SWAC chair, they each shared “something that amazed you / caused you to experience wonder”
- Members helped indicate emergency exits and exit procedures.
- Meeting notes from June were approved
- SWAC Business Items:
  - **September 11: Republic MRF Tour**, 9-10:30AM. Individuals employed by competitors will not be able to attend. Dirk will invite SPU CEO/General Manager, Mami Hara, and new SPU SW LOB Deputy Director, Jeff Fowler. A number of positions will be offered as well to King County SWAC and MSWAC members. We will be polling about transportation options.
  - **Joint meeting with King County SWAC and MSWAC** has been moved from Friday, November 15 to Friday, December 13. The afternoon will be the results of the research and report underway on what a producer responsibility system for packaging, overlaid on the Washington system, would look like. The December 4 SWAC meeting will remain. No guests invited at this time. **Natasha will update the calendar appointment.**

**2. Impromptu Networking**

SWAC members gathered in pairs for an impromptu networking exercise. They were asked during each round (two rounds) to “describe a time in your life when you felt connected in / to a community.”

### 3. SWAC Network Analysis / Community Asset Mapping. Exercise 1

SWAC Members participated in an interactive exercise to map place-based connections in the community. Using the prompts from the asset mapping homework that was e-mailed in advance, Sheryl Shapiro and Natasha Bailey led SWAC members through an exercise to collectively map their individual connections. The goal of this exercise was to:

- ✓ Discover patterns of geographic strength and gaps within the Committee;
- ✓ Identify where we might deepen relationships and build new ones among members and with communities; and
- ✓ Our discussions of the map may suggest where further assessment would be useful.

SWAC Members began with a quiet opportunity to review and/or complete their homework. They then added the name of the place or type of connection (from each of 10 categories, maximum of two per category) to category color-coded post-it notes. Members were asked to consider which two categories resonated most for them/where they felt most connected. They discussed these with a partner before mapping their two post-its per category on large individual section maps of the City (roughly SE, SW, NE, NW, Downtown areas).

Once asset locations were placed, the five maps were pushed together to create one large map of the City, and members found new partners to participate in a “partner gallery walk,” noting their observations. Afterwards, a group discussion ensued. The following observations were offered:

- Most assets aligned with public transportation (North to South). Members wondered if this would change with changes to public transportation infrastructure.
- Range of Committee member residences is from Shoreline to Renton
- Lots of activity in Capitol Hill / Central District
- A member shared that they struggled to identify connections in the “building community” category because they seemed like they would also fit under other categories. Another member shared that they had included event spaces in the “building community” category, noting that the International District and Central District have a lot of spaces that double as event spaces.
- Committee connection categories that were strong: Eat/Drink/Shop and Recreation
- Many members didn’t think about their role on SWAC for the “volunteering” category
- Missing connections in Georgetown, South Park, Queen Anne.
- A member shared that it was interesting to see where SWAC is representing / overrepresenting and where the gaps are. They asked if there was an opportunity to address those gaps / reach out to those communities that SWAC doesn’t currently have connections with.
- A member shared that they didn’t include multiple work locations (i.e. could be an opportunity to expand the map some).
- Social network might be larger than the areas we identify with individually.
- Surprised not to see more West Seattle points; a very active community.
- Members will go “out of the way” (geographically) for recreation but not for food, household, groceries, etc.

#### 4. Around the Table & Community Insights

- **A SWAC member** shared about a recent experience traveling to Texas; they said there were compost bins in the airport despite no municipal composting, but that a business vendor served food in Styrofoam containers.
- **A SWAC member** shared that they were surprised to learn that Lake Kachees recreation area didn't have recycling facilities.
- **A SWAC member** shared that Recology will be hosting an Artist in Residence open house on September 5. <https://www.recology.com/artist-in-residence/> They will send the information electronically.
- **Saturday, August 17:** King County's CHOMP! Festival, a global food and sustainability fair on at Marymoor Park in Redmond. A SWAC member will be helping with the upcycle bazaar.
- Housing in the Chinatown/International District: Louisa has opened.
- **Saturday, August 17:** Duwamish River Fest. Multiple representatives from SPU will be there.
- **Saturday, August 10:** Delridge Day. SPU will be there.
- U.S. Senator Tom Udall announced plans to introduce legislation on extended producer responsibility at the national level. For more information: <https://www.tomudall.senate.gov/news/press-releases/udall-lowenthal-release-outline-of-legislation-to-tackle-plastic-waste-pollution-crisis>

Adjourned 7:20 pm