



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

December 2, 2020 Meeting Notes  
Webex  
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

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

Committee Members	Present?	SPU Staff	Role
Kelsie Blanthorn	Yes	Sego Jackson	Solid Waste LOB Policy Liaison
Lizzie Szorad	Yes	Jemini Davis	Solid Waste Administrative Support
Adam Maurer	Yes	Susan Fife-Ferris	Solid Waste Planning & Program Management Division Director
Rachtha Dahn	No	Katie Lynd	Community Affairs Liaison
Alessandra Pistoia	No	Sam Keller	EJSE Liaison
Dirk Wassink	Yes	Heather Trim	Guest
Nico Onoda-McGuire	Yes	Hannah Scholes	Guest
Joel Dashnaw	Yes		
Brie Kuhn	Yes		

**1. Regular Business**

- SWAC Co-Chair, Nico Onoda-McGuire called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.
- Members and guests introduced themselves. Prompted by the SWAC chair, they each shared their name and their favorite winter relaxation activity.
- Notes for November were approved by members in attendance.

**2. Solid Waste LOB Updates**

General Updates

- **SWLOB COVID-19 Response:**
  - Ramped up a bit due to the increasing infection rates, but nothing really new – if you have any questions regarding SPU’s response, please contact Susan Fife-Ferris.
- **Solid Waste Plan:**
  - Due to a variety of factors, such as staff changes both internal and at Ecology, delays in internal vetting, staffing and capacity conflicts due to the delays, new Contamination Reduction and Outreach Plan (CROP) requirement, and COVID-19 generally, some ripple effects have occurred.
  - The biggest impact is Ecology has decided we need to do an Update as opposed to Amendment. Preparing an Update will contribute to a longer timeline to complete the SW Plan project since we will need to including a 30-day public comment period, 45-day review for the Department of Agriculture and WUTC, and 120-day review by Ecology. We will also need to rewrite what we have to include 2019 data, COVID-19

impacts, and ensure the narrative includes the goal to move upstream and increase focus on WP.

- **Midway LF/ST/WSDOT:**
  - The excavation of waste along the east side of the Midway LF ran into a bit of a snag, but we have worked through it with ST and WSDOT and the work will be completed in the Spring.
- **Black Bag Project:**
  - Working with the contracted hauler to decrease the amount of illegal dumping in the alleyways. This will help save the utility thousands of dollars
- **Extended Producer Responsibility:**
  - Still actively working on EPR at the state level.

#### **Legislative updates**

- Still actively working on Extended Producer Responsibility at the state level
- Senate committee hearing took place on 12/1. A presentation that focused on the results of the Plastic Packaging study was given

### **3. 2021 SWAC Officer Elections Results**

- **SWAC Chair and Co-Chair**
  - Dirk Wassink and Nico Onoda-McGuire will retain their positions as SWAC Chair and Co-Chair for the upcoming year.
- **SWAC Secretary**
  - Kelsie Blanthorn has been newly elected to this position

### **4. SWAC 20-21 Recruitment Process**

Katie Lynd and Sam Keller led a presentation on proposed updates to the current SWAC recruitment process

- Changes to the process include the following:
  - Using a clearly outlined and transparent process with time frames for accepting applications.
  - Create a diverse candidate pool with a variety of skill sets to meet RCW mandate.
  - Remove the requirement of attending a SWAC meeting.
  - Incorporate scoring for the application to determine which candidates move to interviews.
- New materials, application questions and scoring have also been recommended to align with equity considerations.
- Volunteers will be needed for the following committees:
  - 1-2 SWAC members to serve on the application review committee
  - 1-2 SWAC members to serve on the interview committee
- A SWAC member feels the new proposed questions covers all essential criteria.
- SWAC members encourage all potential members to attend at least one meeting before applying. They understand why this is not required
- SWAC members are encouraged to offer additional feedback in the post-meeting survey that will be distributed.

### **5. Around the Table & Community Insights**

N/A

**Adjourned 6:35 p.m.**