



SPU Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

October 8, 2020 Meeting Notes
Webex
5:30 pm – 7:00 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	No	Jemini Davis	Solid Waste Administrative Support
Adam Maurer	Yes	Susan Fife-Ferris	Solid Waste Planning & Program Management Division Director
Rachtha Dahn	Yes	Dave Hare	Homeless Encampment Trash/Litter
Alessandra Pistoia	Yes	Jenny Frankl	Public Place Litter/Recycling
Dirk Wassink	Yes	Kamal Raslan	Public Place Litter/Recycling
Nico Onoda-McGuire	Yes	Tracy Cramer	Clean City Lead Inspector
		Brie Kuhn	Guest
		Heather Trim	Guest
		Brie Kuhn	Guest
		Wendy Weiker	Guest

1. Regular Business

- SWAC Co-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 their name and an adjective to describe the Fall
- Notes for September were approved by members in attendance

2. Solid Waste LOB Updates

SWLOB COVID Program Updates

- **SWLOB COVID Response:**
 - Continue staff essential operations and those that can, continue to telecommute.
 - Waiting on the City to finalize our approach to supporting Dependent Care concerns of the workforce.
 - Result of an initial survey of groups through our Workspace Reimagine initiative, 60% of SMT staff want to telecommute full-time, 33% want to telecommute PT, and 7% of staff want to come work back in the office FT. Within the SW staff, with a 100% response - only 1 staff wants to come back into the office FT. The split between FT and PT telecommute for SW staff, it was 68%/30%. There will be a follow-up survey going out later this week to all SPU staff working at SMT.
- **Recycle BC Tour Opportunity – WSRA WRED EVENT:**
 - Product Stewardship on the Ground, How it Works: Recycle BC Virtual Tour on Tuesday, 10/27 from 10-1. Dive into the Recycle BC Packaging and Paper Product

Extended Producer Responsibility program. This event is **FREE but registration is required** to attend. You will receive the meeting link via email the week prior to the event.

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ehbit7g588a0e33a&oseq=&c=&ch=>

- **Midway LF/ST/WSDOT:**
 - The excavation of waste along the east side of the Midway LF is now ~75% complete – and we hope that it is done by end of the year. There are many items that still need to be negotiated and finalized concerning the work in the ROW and the activities that involve ST.
- **2019 Waste Prevention & Recycling Report:**
 - THANKS for all your work to finalize your letter in a timely manner. The final report was transmitted to Council on 9/30th.
- **STS2:**
 - Working through a contract amendment with the design engineers and the path forward with Ecology, with the goal of having the final design nailed down by June 2021.
- **Credits for Collection Misses:**
 - SPU is issuing credits to customers who were missed three times in the row this past spring/summer due to COVID-related driver shortages.

3. SPU's Clean City Division Presentation

Members of the Clean Cities staff gave an overview of their division and discussed the trends that have been seen throughout the year.

Clean City Programs

- All Clean City programs are funded through Seattle's General Fund. In 2020, about \$10.6 million was budgeted for these efforts. Approximately 8% of Clean City budget is allocated for unsheltered services.

SPU Support on "March for Justice" events

- Graffiti, litter, and illegal dumping crews were deployed, working 24/7.
- Activities included graffiti removal, litter, and debris cleanup, interdepartmental coordination and vendor partnerships

COVID-19 Impacts and YTD progress

- SPU has collected 1,825,190 pounds of litter since July 2017
- SPU has collected 469,581 pounds of litter in 2020 which is on track to match or exceed 2019 collection
- RV team has collected 126,184 pounds of litter so far in 2020

4. Officer Elections

The annual SWAC Officer elections are coming up. Current SWAC members have been encouraged to nominate a chair, vice-chair, and secretary.

- Nominations should be sent to Katie Lynd by 10/21
- Dirk, Nico and Alessandra each shared their experiences as SWAC officers
- SWAC members can decide if they would like to continue the format of having two co-chairs, or one chair along with a vice-chair.

5. Around the Table & Community Insights

N/A

Adjourned 6:35 p.m.