



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

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

*Chair: Brie Kuhn  
Secretary: Celine Fujikawa*

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Present?</b>	<b>SPU Staff /Guest</b>	<b>Role</b>
Danny Barksdale	Yes	Quinn Apuzzo	SPU – SWAC Program Coordinator
Rina Fa’amoe-Cross	Yes	Sophia Ahn	SPU - Waste Prevention Planner & Engagement Specialist
Celine Fujikawa	No	Jeff Fowler	SPU – Solid Waste LOB Deputy Director
Brie Kuhn	Yes	Veronica Fincher	SPU – Sr. Waste Prevention Program Manager
Alessandra Pistoia	Yes	Pat Kaufman	SPU – Commercial Program Manager
Hannah Scholes	Yes	Katie Lynd	SPU – Community Affairs
Adrian Tan	Yes	Janice Jackson-Haley	SPU Consultant - JJH Consulting
Ming-Ming Tung Edelman	Yes	Arielle Sullivan	SPU Consultant - Conscious Transformation Agents
Michael Johnson	Yes	Caitlin Singer	Guest
Chelsey Evans	Yes	Heather Trim	Guest - Zero Waste WA
John Martin	No	Diana Wadley	Guest – Department of Ecology
Erin Gagnon	No	Holly	Guest
Wendy Weiker	Yes		
Steven Walls	Yes		
Yongkang (YK) Zhou	Yes		

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

- SWAC Chair, Brie, 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 what they are looking forward to for the fall.
- August meeting minutes were approved by SWAC members in attendance.

**2. How to be an effective SWAC Member**

- SWAC Chair Brie shared tips on best practices for being an effective SWAC member.
- In advance of meetings, please review meeting materials and fill out post-meeting surveys.
- At meetings, come prepared to engage, ask questions, and share personal, professional, and community insights.
- In between meetings, feel free to reach out to Brie or Quinn with questions or concerns.

**3. Comments on SWLOB Updates for SWAC**

SWAC members were asked to review the Solid Waste Line of Business updates in advance of the meeting. The Solid Waste Deputy Director welcomed new members and was available to answer questions.

- **A SWAC member asked,** What are the new aspects of the multifamily pilot program? It seems like SPU has done similar work in the past so I'm curious about the new elements of the pilot.
- **A SWAC member asked,** Has the rCup pilot launched?
- **A SPU representative responded,** Yes. The rCup pilot has been rolled out Zootunes and the Showbox, and efforts are underway to explore a potential partnership with the Seattle Aquarium.
- **A SWAC member asked,** Could you tell us more about the townhome pilot?
- **A SPU representative responded,** The pilot is intended to address challenges related to carts being left in the public right of way and will involve parking spaces being used to stage carts on collection day. As the pace of development has increased in Seattle, with neighborhoods becoming increasingly dense, cart congestion in the public right of way has become more of an issue. SPU is working with SDOT and evaluating a few different scenarios in an effort to balance all of the needs and uses of the public right of way.

#### 4. Draft WP&RR Report & SWAC Letter

- SWAC members discussed and finalized the WP&RR annual letter.
- SWAC reviewed comments on the letter and discussed how to provide feedback.

#### 5. Waste Prevention Strategic Planning Process

Veronica Fincher, Sophia Ahn, and consultant team members (Janice Jackson-Haley and Arielle Sullivan) provided an overview of the plan and stakeholder engagement process.

- **A SWAC members commented,** Great job on the model. This is really progressive, groundbreaking work.
- **A SWAC member asked,** Where can I go to find out more about this work?
- **A SPU representative responded,** SPU and the consultant team are developing a website and will share that information with SWAC once it's available. The website will also include a link to sign up to receive quarterly email updates. SWAC members may also reach out to Veronica or Sophia with questions.

#### 6. Around the Table

- Refugee Artisans Initiative is a finalist for the Nextcycle incubator program.
- Refugee Artisans Initiative will be hosting an event where attendees will learn how to make Charmay Afghan Embroidery on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Registration info can be found [here](#).
- [WORC & Tilth Alliance Joint Annual Conference](#) will be held November 10-12<sup>th</sup>.
- The [CID Night Market](#) will be held on September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The Department of Ecology has launched a new litter campaign: ["Simple As That" Litter Campaign](#)
- [NextCycle Washington Renew Seed Grants](#) launches September 21<sup>st</sup>.
- [Waste Not WA 2023 School Award applications](#) are now available. The application deadline is 5pm Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### 7. SWAC Chat

SWAC members were asked to reflect on their experience as new committee members.

**Adjourned 7:23 p.m.**