

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTES
OCTOBER 2, 2019

SWAC MEMBERS

Kelly Doordan, Chair
Mark Symborski
Mark Freedman
Linda Andrews
Gina Angiola

Paula Jenson
Ellen Ryan
David Winstead
Jamie Andrews
Adam Diamond

Sara Ducey
Carol Jones
Heidi Lovett
Candy Schimming
Jelena Krstic

Absent: Sara Bixby

COUNTY STAFF - DSWS

Eileen Kao - Section Chief, Waste Reduction and Recycling

GUESTS

Amy Maron – Sierra Club

The regular meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) was called to order by the Chair at 5:30 PM on October 2, 2019 in the 6th Floor Conference Room at the Executive Office Building (EOB). Acronyms are posted at the bottom of this report.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- Introductions – The Committee was happy to welcome five new members who were attending their first meeting: Gina Angiola, Adam Diamond, Jelena Krstic, Candy Schimming, and Ellen Ryan.
- Approval of minutes – Moved and approved, copy to be posted

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Dickerson Area Facilities Implementation Group (DAFIG) – the last meeting was in September. Paula attended.
 - Zero Waste Task Force (ZWTF) review of progress
 - The DAFIG is interested in achieving a “Best in Class” classification rating for the Resource Recovery Facility (RRF)
 - Is the effort funded, Covanta responded – YES
 - County budget discussion – looking to see greater level of details
 - Questioning findings of the air tests run during the fire event
 - Looking for information on the fire insurance settlement
- Strategic Planning and Budget
 - Letter outline top priorities identified at the last meeting was developed by a subgroup and submitted to the Committee for approval.
 - Discussion on letter content w/ issue history review, particularly for new committee members
 - Food composting process discussion.
 - Who is making the most
 - Who can we partner with
 - Processors being lined up
 - Funds for tip and trans are available
 - Supporting commercial entities to begin the process
 - Working to bring in an additional (new) 4,200 tons above existing efforts

- Some committee members reiterated interest in seeing curbside pilots get started without further delay.
- Pay As You Throw (PAYT) review
 - Methods and means to implement were discussed.
- Moved to accept the letter as modified, seconded and unanimously approved

UPDATE from Recycling and Resource Management Division:

- Task 9 report – Quick review of the ZWTF effort and where we are and how we got there. Not released for review at this time. No date set.
- Other new hires – Commercial Food Scrap Manager started Monday.
- Request for Information on Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) – no update
- OLO Report – pending

NEW BUSINESS

- Contamination Discussion – Centered on the high level of unwanted materials in the county recycling stream.
- SWAC Website to support charter charge of outreach and education
 - What should be presented – list discussed
 - Sub-committee to dig in, contact Kelly
 - Who is responsible for web upkeep? IT staff in the Recycling and Resource Management Division (RRMD)
 - Can a two-way comment line be established – use ASK DEP.com – point to this
- Next meeting elections – looking for folks with interest
- Program presentations – punt to calendar committee
 - Central Operations review to be scheduled

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45. The next meeting is set for November 6, 5:30 PM, in the 6th Floor Conference Room at the Executive Office Building (EOB).

ACRONYMS

CC	County Council	CE	County Executive
CNG	Compressed Natural Gas	CPI	Consumer Price Index
DAFIG	Dickerson Area Facilities Implementation Group	DSWS	Division of Solid Waste Services
DEP	Department of Environmental Protection	EfW	Energy from Waste
ERP	Enterprise Resource Planning	FTE	Full Time Employee
FY	Fiscal Year	HHW	Household Hazardous Waste
MC	Montgomery County	MES	Maryland Environmental Services
MRF	Materials Recycling Facility	MML	Maryland Municipal League
NTR	Nothing to Report	OCC	Old Corrugated Cardboard
OLO	Office of Legislative Oversight	RRF	Resource Recovery Facility
RRMD	Recycling & Resource Management Division	SA	Service Area for County collection
SCA	Sugarloaf Community Association	SWAC	Solid Waste Advisory Committee
TPD	Tons per Day	ZWTF	Zero Waste Task Force