

**SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING NOTES**  
**May 20, 2020**

**SWAC MEMBERS**

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Kelly Doordan, Chair  
Ellen Ryan  
Mark Freedman  
Gina Angiola  
Heidi Lovett, Vice-Chair

Sara Ducey  
Carol Jones  
Linda Andrews  
Adam Diamond

Sara Bixby  
Paula Jenson  
Mark Symborski  
Candy Schimming

Absent:           Jamie Andrews

Jelena Krstic

David Winstead

**COUNTY STAFF - DSWs**

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Lisa Shine – Recycling and Resource Management

**GUESTS**

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None

The regular meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) was called to order by the Chair at 5:34 PM on May 20, 2020 as a TEAM on-line meeting. Introductions were made. Acronyms are posted at the bottom of this report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

- New member applications are in the CE's office. Waiting on application. Chair is looking for members to participate in the process.
- DEP move is on hold, no expected date has been set.

**REVIEW and APPROVE MINUTES**

- February Minutes still on hold pending Division fact review. Chair will follow-up. Push until June meeting for approval.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**BUDGET PROCESS UPDATE**

- COVID has modified the timing.
- FY21 Council Recommended Budget – see press release and budget links here:  
[https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_ID=25319&Dept=1](https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=25319&Dept=1)
- Chair reviewed the highlights Solid Waste Service budget.

- The CC has established a “continuity of service” budget that includes much of the recommended options.
  - **Continuity of services budget**
    - Council straw vote on May 14; final budget vote expected May 21
    - Council reached agreement to fund:
      - 3 field inspectors to reduce recycling contamination
      - Residential food scraps pilot
      - Implementation of commercial food scraps program
      - Provide bins to single family homes for at-home food scrap composting
    - **Not funded as part of continuity of services budget:**
      - 3 code enforcement positions
      - Compensation adjustment (will be considered separately for all of government)
- At this point: do we provide comments on the budget? Discussion ensued. Draft a letter to express SWAC’s support of the decisions made. Review/approve next meeting.
- Motion to write letter – seconded. Passes unopposed. Heidi and Ellen to draft.
  - Thanking Council for funding
  - Supporting additional resources
  - Supporting Food Composting

#### COVID-19 IMPACTS on SOLID WASTE BUDGET

- Volume from residential trash is up. Overall it is flat.
- With all that is happening is there an opportunity for change implementation.
- Folks at home – education? Can the Business Staff support residential education?
  - FOCAL AREA FOR 2021
- Waste flows are changing – thought is it will not go back. Residential waster is expected to be higher when we get to the end.
- Potential to move Up County controls up the needs list. PAYT impact is bigger.
- Home deliveries are impacting both cost and generation of OCC.
- Some stores are not allowing bag re-use in stores, others are. There is more plastic in the mix. No health science reports support this move; SWAC would like DEP to support this discussion in a future meeting.
- Any planning on DEP’s future moves
- Is there a higher exposure risk/impact to solid waste employees
- Chair will follow up.

#### UPDATE on TASK 9 REPORT from ZERO WASTE TASK FORCE

- ZWTF is finished with its task
- Final recommendations are out
  - No position on RRF
  - Focused on steps to move toward zero waste
    - MRF upgrades
    - Residential collection and mandated organic collection
    - OCC increased collection
    - Improve C&D handling, redirection, management
    - Recycling Education
    - PAYT – an important drive to get attention
    - Up County collection by county
- Chair to reach out to Division Head to invite to future meeting (July 2020?) to discuss the Report.
  - How will this information be rolled into the new Ten-Year Master Plan?
    - SWAC input
  - What plans are being implemented by the County?
  - Is SWAC expected to weigh-in?

## OLO REPORT

- Update on Office of Legislative Oversight Report No. 2019-17 (Trash and Recycling Collection: An Evaluation of Current Policies)
- Council T&E Committee discussion of OLO Report on Feb. 6, 2020
  - Haulers were present – content that County would not pick up process
  - OLO would not modify Subdistrict B but would expand A if homeowners supported
  - Corrected report has not been issued.
- Process is on hold given current conditions.
- Next steps for SWAC?
  - Should prepare to respond to T&E questions.
  - Sub-committee meeting to be held on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Chair to pole for participation.

## CONTENT IN LETTER ON THE BUDGET

- Motion to include Task Force recommendation support in SWAC's support for Budget. Seconded. Approved. Letter from above to include this topic.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- June 3, 2020
  - Ask DEP to discuss community education efforts
  - Discussion on OLO Report
  - General Division Update
  - Prep for July meeting with Adam Ortiz
  - Potential for continued On-line meeting
- Look out to October for Solid Waste/Climate Impact meeting
- Tentative plan for a July meeting.
- DAFIG Meeting on June 9 – set as an in-person event. SWAC will not attend. Offer to provide technical support for online meeting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## **ADJOURN**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25. The next meeting is set for June 3, 5:30 PM, on-line.

## **ACRONYMS**

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