

**SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTES
June 3, 2020**

SWAC MEMBERS

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| Kelly Doordan, Chair | Heidi Lovett, Vice-Chair | Sara Bixby |
| Ellen Ryan | Carol Jones | Paula Jenson |
| Mark Freedman | Mark Symborski | Sara Ducey |
| Gina Angiola | Adam Diamond | Candy Schimming |
| Absent: | Jamie Andrews | Jelena Krstic |
| | Linda Andrews | David Winstead |

COUNTY STAFF - DSWS

Lisa Shine – Recycling and Resource Management
Willie Wainer – Recycling and Resource Management

GUESTS

None

The regular meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) was called to order by the Chair at 5:30 PM on June 3, 2020 as a TEAM on-line meeting. Introductions were made. Acronyms are posted at the bottom of this report.

OLD BUSINESS

REVIEW and APPROVE MINUTES

- February and May Minutes (as modified by discussion) – Motion to Approve and seconded. All approved.

DIVISION UPDATE

Comments from Willie Wainer – Update since March 18

- COVID - 19 Responses
 - All collection has continued with no interruptions
 - Contractors were able to maintain service with no interruptions
 - Transfer Station
 - Residential tonnage is up 30%
 - Commercial tonnages have dropped
 - Total daily tons down ~600 tons – 15%
 - Modified operations to minimize customer contact – no cash transactions
 - Most operational changes will be retained moving forward
 - Operating hours and use at facility were reduced
 - Only residential waste
 - No yard waste
 - Hold all non-emergency drops
 - As of this week the site is ready to return to the “New Normal Service”
 - 7am-5pm (M-S), 9am-5pm (Sun)
 - All PPE and processes are in place
 - Will focus on Local (MC) use only. NO Out of County material.

- Employees were rewarded for their outstanding performance during this period.
 - o Both RRF and Compost Facility ran without incidents – normal operation
 - o MRF – normal operation
 - 2 cases of COVID – disinfect the site for reopening the next day.
 - No service interruptions
 - o All office folks teleworked well.
 - Recycling moved training to Zoom very effectively
 - This is here to stay.
 - o Wheaton move delayed until September – many decisions to be made.
- Commercial food scraps effort has started – new truck included
 - o Smaller than expected due to COVID but good start
 - o 3 partners – started pick up this week
 - o Total of 27 have signed up
 - o Material sent to Prince Georges County Facility through June 21 = 4,000 tons annually
 - o No defined split between commercial and residential. Will cover the test locations
 - o Not intended to be in competition with a private effort to collect this material
 - o Groups/customers involved are a mixed choice to provide education and develop processes to be implemented across others in the same group type – learning for both county and partners
- Questions
 - o How does enforcement impact TS staffing needs?
 - Ask for 6 new (3 TS code, 3 Contamination Inspectors)
 - 3 Contamination Inspectors were approved due to the success of their test implementation – significant recycled quality improvements
 - o Is the telecommuting effort working across the agencies?
 - It is. Many departments are looking at continued use.
 - Also, discussions applying shift/alternating space use.

NEW BUSINESS

OLO REPORT

- AdHoc Committee met last week to draft a letter
- Minor corrections
- Move for approval, seconded, approved for sending.

LETTER ON THE BUDGET

- Follow up on May 20th meeting decision, letter drafted.
- No corrections
- Move to approve, seconded, approved for sending to Council.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- July 1, 2020
 - o Invite Adam Ortiz (soon as reasonably possible)
 - Vision for future (5 – 10 years out)
 - How does he see SWAC's involvement?
 - What skills do we need?
 - How does COVID create/impact permanent changes?
- August – no scheduled meeting
 - o Use time for interested parties to plan future
- June DAFIG Meeting has been scheduled for virtual attendance
 - o Since this is now a virtual meeting – interested – attend
 - o Invite Mark Mayer (DAFIG Chair) to chat with SWAC at a future meeting

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 7:01. The next meeting is set for July 1, 5:30 PM, on-line.

ACRONYMS

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