The regular meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) was called to order by the Chair at 7:40 p.m. October 7, 2014, in the 6th floor conference room at the Executive Office Building (EOB). Because there was not a quorum, no old business or new business was discussed.

**MAJOR PROGRAM PRESENTATION**

Ms. Weiss discussed food waste digestion, and possibilities for its use in Montgomery County. This process uses aerobic digestion, a biological process in which microorganisms consume organic matter and convert it into stable solids, carbon dioxide, and more organisms. The digestion process first turns organic waste into sludge, which is then dried and converted into an inert, dry, and compostable material. Food waste digestion can be used on any type of food, but not on non-food items.

SWAC members discussed where an initial digester could optimally be housed, as well as the ongoing costs associated with food waste digestion.
OTHER DISCUSSION

Ms. Ennis introduced Tamala Robinson to the SWAC members. Ms. Robinson will assist SWAC going forward. Ms. Ennis and Ms. Robinson also discussed an extremely successful outreach effort in Connecticut Avenue Estates where SDSWS staff was able to decrease the amount of neighborhood’s non-compliance with proper waste disposal requirements by approximately 50% in one month.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 4, 2014.