The regular meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) was called to order by the Chair at 5:35 PM on November 4, 2015, in the 6th Floor Conference Room at the Executive Office Building (EOB). Introductions were then made. NO QUORUM at that time. 6:45 Quorum established.

MAJOR PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS by each Section Head

Robin Ennis – Collections: The FY16 budget includes 13 haulers, 214K homes at a cost of $22.7M. The upper limit on fuel adjustment is at $5/dge. Well below that point at this time. DSWS will be adding caps to their public outreach events to compete with the DFRS.

Peter Karasik - Central Operations: The MRF, tons of paper processed have dropped to below 50K. A brief review of the MSW and Recycling process was given. Landfills; Oaks closed in '97, Gude in '82. Gude has no liner or collection system. Groundwater remediation is in progress.

Bill Davidson – North Operations: Energy revenue from the RRF is dropping with lower electrical prices. Ash is being processed at the landfill for metals removal and reuse (roadbed and daily cover). Yard Waste processing and sales at Dickerson. Cost $3.2M, sales $1.6M, Capital expense $1.2M. Food waste processing is coming (no details). Site 2 landfill is still held in reserve and is being used as agriculture property (rented to a local farmer).

Anthony Skinner – the numbers: Review of the both the Collection Fund and the Disposal Fund accounting. $85M is costs – the bulk of which is EIW.

Eileen Kao – Recycling: Reviewed regulatory support for the efforts of the section. Spoke to the extent the inspectors will go to help customers come into compliance (including dumpster diving). Recommended that we attend the annual Recycling Award Ceremony.
OLD BUSINESS

Approve Past Minutes: June 2, minutes approved as written.

Subcommittee Reports:

Planning: 2015 calendar approved as held. 2016 Calendar revisions discussed. Motion to approve, seconded, and approved as adjusted.

Recycling Committee: Review of Sub-district A vs B recycling rates. Can the rate in A be moved to B? If so can the MRF handle the extra throughput? Currently incoming material requires >1 shift but < 2 shifts to process. The OT is more expensive than the value so the material is shipped to an alternative processing facility. It was suggested that we use the effort on polystyrene recycling as a guide to follow to get things moving along. Collect more support for single day pick-up. Continue to refine model for rightness. Look at Baltimore City rates. John Turney article will come up as well. What is the County’s response? What is SWANA’s response? Sub-committee to meet to carry on discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Food Waste: Jessica Weiss brought the committee up to speed on the new digester/dehydrator. It will be delivered soon and is heading to Pogo’s to do vermicomposting and make pet food.

SWAC Discussion: Discussion again on filling vacancies. Need 6 filled. No phone in members. Folks need to re-apply for termed positions. On-line position application is available. We need County support to fill positions.

Elections: Nominations made, accepted and approved for 2015 Chair and Vice-Chair. Nomination for Chair and Vice – Sara and Jessica.

DAFIG: Coverage for December 8 meeting. Sara D. will be joining Mark

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

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