

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
January 3, 2018

SWAC MEMBERS

Sara Ducey, Chair
Kelly Doordan, Vice Chair

Robert Brown
Mark Freedman
Carol Jones
Heidi Lovett

Aaron Hill
Mark Symborski
Sue Bumpous
Jamie Andrews

Linda Andrews

Absent: Sara Bixby

MML representative

Jessica Weiss

Vacancies: 1

COUNTY STAFF - DSWs

Bill Broglie – Acting Division Chief, Liaison

GUESTS

The regular meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) was called to order by the Chair at 5:35 PM on January 3, 2018 in the 6th Floor Conference Room at the Executive Office Building (EOB). NO QUORUM. 6PM we have a quorum. Introductions – around the table.

NEW BUSINESS

Ten Year Comprehensive Solid Waste Plan Review:

- We need to be considering new ideas to move the system forward
 - PAYT
- Timing – CC approval on or about 3/31/18
- Current work on food composting will not be included in the current plan update
 - Food compost plan not finished, the 10-year plan cannot get out in front of that effort
 - Sugarloaf – meeting on the 9th
- Planning for Gude
 - Community vs county desires – long term plan for land use is not finalized
 - Capped area is not available for planned operational construction
- Southlawn area WCCS site – septic and grease processing

Subcommittee purpose and participation:

- We currently have three standing subcommittees (Planning, Recycling, Budget)
- Propose renaming Planning subcommittee to Calendar subcommittee to match purpose
- Add an Organics subcommittee to monitor the food compost effort
- Add a Strategic planning component to the Budget subcommittee to look down the road – big ideas
- Kelly to put together a description of each committee.
- Budget subcommittee historical – after fact. Potentially as subcommittee there can be an informal review of the current submittal. At Committee level only after the CE has released budget. Process is an annual cycle – strategic and budget should be involved early.
- Specific vote to: rename Planning to Calendar, Budget becomes Strategic and Budget, add Organics. Motion, second, approved.

Recycled Contamination Update:

Commingled – no impact. Paper – big impact. Prior to current China activity the County was receiving \$45/ton. With China announcement paper value down to \$10/ton, some vendors refused to pick up. Back up to \$30/ton. This is a dynamic situation.

Potential Legislative Concern:

RPS (Renewable Portfolio Standard) changes at the State level create a potential problem. A change in the electrical RECS for the RRF generation will mean a loss of revenue for the solid waste fund. In the past the CC has supported efforts to change the RPS language. The change would remove WTE from the RPS Tier 1. The Committee would like to receive additional background on RPS state language, any potential movement in Maryland, comparison on LF vs EfW lifecycle (environmental impacts). The Strategic and Budget subcommittee will investigate setting up a webinar to provide background to the committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Subcommittee Reports:

Planning (Calendar): Discussion of current draft 2018. Still needs input from full committee.

- February discussion on MRF (paper contamination, capacity). Looking for paper site tour.
- March for budget review.
- April: look at recycling rates, how do we move the needle. Where we sit changes what we do – EDUCATION.
- May: innovation discussion (PAYT, Recycling Centers, Resource Recovery Parks, education, what can we do?) SWACSPERTS
- June: MCPS Update, 3 years away. Noted inconsistencies, we should move this forward. Add planning/construction to this. Flip to APRIL
- COMMITTEE should ID specific needs and personnel to be included in the plan.

Recycling: Short report – phone meeting to review current work on improving recycling rate in the Subdistrict B resulted in the identifying a need to update the base data. A letter has been drafted for the Chair to send making a formal request for this information. The Committee approved the completion and sending of this request by the Chair.

Membership Status: Existing members have applied for reappointment, save Brenda. Still looking for a business member to fill the one vacancy. Each food compost committee member to reach out to industry members in their groups to solicit interest.

We need to schedule a new member orientation for SWAC folks.

Approve Past Minutes: did not review – will send out and approve via e-mail.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None offered.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35. The next meeting is set for February 7, 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	FY	Fiscal Year
ERP	Enterprise Resource Planning	HHW	Household Hazardous Waste
MES	Maryland Environmental Services	MC	Montgomery County
SWAC	Solid Waste Advisory Committee	RRF	Resource Recovery Facility
MML	Maryland Municipal League		