

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 4, 2018

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SWAC MEMBERS

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Sara Ducey, Chair  
Mark Freedman  
David Winstead  
Linda Andrews

Kelly Doordan, Vice Chair  
Mark Symborski  
Sue Bumpous  
Heidi Lovett

Robert Brown  
Sara Bixby

Absent: Carol Jones

Jamie Andrews

Vacancies: 4

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COUNTY STAFF - DSWS

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Willie Wainer – Division Chief, Liaison

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GUESTS

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Lauren Greenberger – Sugarloaf Community Association (SCA)

The regular meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) was called to order by the Chair at 5:30 PM on April 4, 2018 in the 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room at the Executive Office Building (EOB).  
Introductions – around the table.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Subcommittee Reports:

**BUDGET** – Review of the latest subcommittee meeting and the basic approach for our FY19 Budget comments. Looking at longer term, future impact, shaping positions and prospective. Reviewed proposed letter – 4 topics. After discussion and modification, full committee voted by a show of hands to accept as corrected and send.

**CALENDAR** – Discussion on when to meet with the MCPS recycling staff. There are inconsistencies across the system (same equipment, same curricula, same . . .) with vastly different results. Heidi – will do a bit of digging. Current thoughts: Ask for school specific data for review to be delivered by May. Devote the June meeting to sitting w/ staff. (goals, methods, support, process). Plan for the May meeting will be to review final update on the food waste strategic plan.

Membership Status: We now have 4 openings. 3 folks have applied. We need to get info from the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

Legislative Concern: Sara B to look into potential speakers on LF v EfW to discuss environmental and human health implications of both. MWCOG had this discussion last year. Sara will reach out to John Snarr (COG Staff) to see if he can pull recording for our review. Lauren reported that at the time both REC bills to remove EfW from a Tier 1 renewable status had died in conference.

MRF Debrief: Wish recycling (citizens putting things they want to be recycled into the blue bin) – leading to a lot of debris coming to the MRF. There is a knowledge gap what should be where and an issue with differing rules in different places (work, school, home, jurisdiction). Highlights the need for E&O.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Boards, Committees, and Commissions Annual Meeting: Upcoming meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Heidi, Sara and Kelly. Four items: application process, compost support w/ 1FTE, use a systems approach to review the processes, how we measure success.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Lauren Greenberger raised the 2021 contract renewal for the RRF operation and asked: Is there a better way? SCA has been learning about alternatives. They commissioned a combined local and national team to write a paper on moving MC to a Zero Waste Plan. Plans are to make a presentation to council staff in the near future. SWAC would like to be present and needs to know when? The paper is pushing a long term plan design. Changing the process to include a Zero Waste and RRF closure.

## **ADJOURN**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35. The next meeting is set for May 2, 5:30 PM, in the 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room at the Executive Office Building (EOB).

Doodle pole for June/July meeting of the subcommittees, searching for available dates.

NOTE: March meeting was canceled due to inclement weather.

## **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	EfW	Energy from Waste
FY	Fiscal Year	ERP	Enterprise Resource Planning
MC	Montgomery County	HHW	Household Hazardous Waste
MES	Maryland Environmental Services	LF	Landfill
OCC	Old Corrugated Containers (cardboard)	MML	Maryland Municipal League
SCA	Sugarloaf Community Association	RRF	Resource Recovery Facility
SWAC	Solid Waste Advisory Committee	TPD	Tons per Day