

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
May 2, 2018

SWAC MEMBERS

Sara Ducey, Chair
Mark Freedman
Linda Andrews

Kelly Doordan, Vice Chair
Mark Symborski
Heidi Lovett

Carol Jones
Sara Bixby
Jamie Andrews

Absent: Robert Brown
Vacancies: 4

David Winstead

Sue Bumpous

COUNTY STAFF - DSWS

Willie Wainer – Division Chief, Liaison

Eileen Kao – Waste Reduction and Recycling Section Chief

GUESTS

The regular meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) was called to order by the Chair at 5:30 PM on May 2, 2018 in the 6th Floor Conference Room at the Executive Office Building (EOB).
Introductions – around the table.

MAJOR PROGRAM PRESENTATION

Strategic Plan to Advance Composting – Review: Eileen Kao

Eileen is pleased to present the plan. It was quite an undertaking. Bill 28-16 was the driver. A very prescriptive set of directives to review and stakeholders to contribute. Accomplishment: robust, comprehensive, multi-faceted stakeholder input received. Plan has wide ranging view to channel food and then separate out for further handling. 6 different focus areas, metrics, policies, physical plant locations. This is STRATEGIC, not a set of activities to implement. There is now work to do in each area. Department focus will be driven by CE and CC.

Plan contains FY19 activities supported by the budget. \$432,000 in FY19 budget for one FTE and commercial processing start-up. Also, \$132,000 for education and outreach to single family homes.

Review of existing codes and regulations with an eye toward on-site composting with food scraps. Some mentioned: 48 – Solid Waste, 3 - Air Quality, 26 - Housing and Building, 22 – Fire, see pp. 38 – 40.

Eileen reviewed executive summary of the plan. Next steps will include research, implementation, and

OLD BUSINESS

Subcommittee Reports:

No reports. Discussion on purpose and leadership of committees. Each committee will bring its chair name next meeting and discuss how it can be involved in the long-term plan development.

Budget – plan for June/July meeting.

Organic – need to meet and discuss SWAC response and plan implementation.

Planning – meeting tonight.

Recycling – meet to get education questions developed for June meeting. 7 PM 5/9 call.

Membership Status: We now have 4 openings. 3 folks have applied. We have names to consider. Interviews and interviewers to be set up this month.

Legislative Concern: no discussion

NEW BUSINESS

Zero Waste Task Force: Announcement from County establishing a task force. Discussion on why, who, involvement. 7 members [Chas Miller (industry, zero waste expert), Ken Lavish (concerned citizen), Peter Ettinger (food waste/organics, BTS Organic digester), Lauren Greenberg (SCA), Carolyn Taylor (FARM), Robin Wiener (Pres ISRI), Sara Bixby (SWAC, SWANA)]. TF purpose to advise DSWS on 25-year plan. Vendor selection to perform plan development is progressing.

Zero Waste – what is it? How does this committee address the broader concepts that must be considered to bring a fully developed plan to fruition?

Questions for MCPS presentation: Recycling sub-committee to pick up this task.

DAFIG Representative: June 12, next meeting. Jamie or Kelly to cover this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 7:34. The next meeting is set for May 6, 5:30 PM, in the 6th Floor Conference Room at the Executive Office Building (EOB).

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

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