

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 5, 2018

SWAC MEMBERS

Sara Ducey, Chair
Mark Freedman
Linda Andrews

Carol Jones
Mark Symborski
Jamie Andrews

Robert Brown
Heidi Lovett
Sue Bumpous

Welcome to the new members:
Paula Jenson

Elaine Newton

Absent: Kelly Doordan, Vice Chair

Sara Bixby

David Winstead

Vacancies: 2

COUNTY STAFF - DSWS

Willie Wainer – Division Chief, Liaison

GUESTS

Cristian Kirk

Belinda Rajema

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

OLD BUSINESS

Zero Waste Task Force: Willie introduced the new program logo and tagline. Thinking outside the BIN. Publicity for public survey and informational meetings. Advertising and announcements going out through neighborhood associations and organizations around the community. County staff will be sending link to survey out to SWAC members for further distribution.

Update of the Organics Plan: Moving forward. A new position for the commercial side is posted to help with system implementation as prescribed in the CE Budget. County is monitoring opportunities in the area. There is little opportunity to move to PG County. County is looking at BTS digester in Jessup as an option. Implementation is moving forward. Residential effort is being handled with existing resources. Small steps. Looking toward the Zero Waste effort for direction.

Subcommittee Reports:

Reviewing membership limits. We will circulate current membership for review and potential modification.

Budget – Sub-committee met and crafted a letter to be reviewed by the committee and sent to the County. Intent is to convey SWAC's 2020 Budget concerns.

Organic –

Strategic Planning –

Recycling – Data has been received. Needs to be analyzed.

DAFIG – Jamie reviewed June meeting. Biggest issue was lack of communication. Fire water use was discussed. Smells are a re-occurring theme. New camera on the stack plume. Potential spot to use computer recognition on the video feed.

Membership Status: Still 2 open positions.

NEW BUSINESS

Blue Bin Program: Newly implemented – 2 bins/year/home. This should reduce expenses in bin distribution. Replacement reasons will also be gathered.

Reuse Process (getting bulkies to the right place): How do we expand the effort? Work with 311 to add the organizations that need the items. Add printed reminder on the blue bins that are being distributed. Focus improved outreach to multi-family units. Add more material/focus into the current public education efforts.

Marine Waste Impacts: We live in an area that directly impacts the waterways. Could be a focus for an effort in county. SWANA is also developing an effort in this area. Sue and Heidi both have info to share that will be sent out to the committee. Discussion into micro-fiber/micro-particle contamination into the environment and then into us.

Digital Stories: MC creating a community of purpose around this technology. A method to advocate for environmental/community/personal stories. Could be a place for creating and spreading a solid waste/zero waste effort. A way to help reach people where they are. U-tube, Google, ??? Follow-up on this to be moved into the Recycling Subcommittee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Paint Consolidation (comments from Chris Kirk): Every gal of paint saves 12 gallons of water. Last Friday 4,000 gals loaded off to Honduras. Non-recycled paint is being frozen, transported and processed. Significant reduction in costs. Further opportunity to move more material with a change in the contract.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 7:33. The next meeting is set for October 3, 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	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