

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 7, 2018

SWAC MEMBERS

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Kelly Doordan Vice Chair  
Mark Freedman  
Jamie Andrews

Robert Brown  
Paula Jenson  
Sue Bumpous

Sara Bixby  
Elaine Newton  
Linda Andrews

Absent: Heidi Lovett  
Sara Ducey, Chair

Carol Jones  
David Winstead

Mark Symborski

Vacancies: 2

COUNTY STAFF - DSWs

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Don Birnesser – Section Chief, Southern Operations, Liaison

GUESTS

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David Biderman, Executive Director and C.E.O., SWANA

The regular meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) was called to order by the Chair at 5:37 PM on November 7, 2018 in the 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room at the Executive Office Building (EOB). Introductions – around the table.

**SWAC LEADERSHIP ELECTION**

Nominations were presented for Chair and Vice Chair. Discussion, motions, votes, new officers.  
Chair: Kelly Doordan, Vice Chair: Elaine Newton

Recognized and commended Bob Brown for his years of service to the committee.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Legislative Concerns:

Potential for polystyrene ban. Linda will investigate what is being considered.

Subcommittee Reports:

Strategic Planning / Budget – Feedback on the letter to Willie. It has been submitted to HDR (the task force consultants) and to appropriate staff for consideration.

Calendar – January meeting, special focus on recycling education (contamination focus). Ask Eileen to attend. February meeting, early start for Section Chiefs to make presentations on work scope to any member that is interested. Don will check on availability of the Section Chiefs.

Aiming for Zero Waste – Non-official update from Sara on the last meeting. First draft review of consultant's report. Significant level of feedback. SWAC's concerns seemed to be absent from the report. Inconsistent information presented. The "what's left" piece to manage was missing. There seems to be a disconnect on content and purpose of each section. Chaz Miller and Willie Wainer are working together. Expectation is they will get a resolution. SWAC will need to hold until docs are made public. Conference calls are available to sit in on committee meetings as a member of the public. Here is the website for following activity and future meeting notices.

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/SWS/master-plan.html>

Organic – No report.

Recycling – No report.

Administrative:

Membership – We have 2 (soon to be 3) openings. Reach out to contacts to let folks know it is time to apply. If your term expires this year get a letter of your desire to be re-appointed to Serena. Send out a draft letter.

Minutes – All outstanding minutes approved.

**MAJOR PROGRAM PRESENTATION**

Big Picture Global Overview of Recycling – David Biderman

Some good news, some bad. In either case opportunities exist to improve the processes that are used in solid waste management. Presentation posted on website.

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/swac/>

Discussion on MRF. What options should be considered. Glass impact, modification of facility to remove glass. A large portion of the incoming material. Some communities are abandoning glass collection.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None discussed

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURN**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25. The next meeting is set for January 2, 5:30 PM, in the 6<sup>th</sup> 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