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 6th 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.
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 6th Floor Conference Room at the Executive Office Building (EOB).

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