

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
March 20, 2019

SWAC MEMBERS

Kelly Doordan, Chair
Mark Symborski
Mark Freedman
Sara Bixby

Elaine Newton, Vice Chair
David Winstead
Jamie Andrews
Carol Jones

Sara Ducey

Linda Andrews
Paula Jenson

Absent: Heidi Lovett

Vacancies: 4

COUNTY STAFF - DSWS

Willie Wainer – Division Chief, Solid Waste Services, Liaison
Eileen Kao – Section Chief, Recycling
Lonnie Heflin - Section Chief, Operations – North
Don Bernesser - Section Chief, Operations – Central
Robin Ennis – Section Chief, Collections
Anthony Skinner - Section Chief, Business Administration
Neil Greenburger – Public Communications

GUESTS

The regular meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) was called to order by the Chair at 5:34 PM on March 20, 2019 in the 6th Floor Conference Room at the Executive Office Building (EOB). Introductions – around the table. NO QUORUM 5:45 established.

MAJOR PROGRAM PRESENTATION

Section Chef presentation on FY20 budget. Full budget on-online.

OLD BUSINESS

Subcommittee Reports:

Aiming for Zero Waste – Sara B update on current status/activity of the task force's efforts.

Bulleted thoughts:

- CE desire to shut down RRF. Need to divert 350K tons by 2023.
- Critical foundation items will need to be moved into the budget process as soon as possible.
- RRF contract has been renewed to 2026 (second 5-year extension issued in Nov). Legal questions are being investigated to permit an early close.
- New County residents should be assessed for recycling knowledge/pedigree. What education needs to be initiated.
- How is the DSWS going to be supported (bodies and dollars) to plan for the future activities that need to be implemented. Thought to recommend FY20 funds be included in the current budget letter to the Council.
- Next ZWTF meeting, Thursday, March 28, 5:30. Agenda to rank and select top 5 issues.

DAFIG – Paula attended. They are discussing a potential to move ash to WV for cement production. Fire insurance claim is still outstanding.

Strategic Planning / Budget – NTR, however:

- Full committee has authorized the Budget Subcommittee to draft and send SWAC comments to CE and CC (10/0)
 - General support for the budget as submitted
 - Specific support for MRF design and improvement plans
 - Specific support for the Food Waste plan.
 - Continue to advocate for Sub-district B county
 - Request for funding of resources (dollars for proper FTE, Program Manager II) to permit the department to provide proper planning for implementation of ZWTF recommendations.
 - Critical issues that will need to be addressed to move the County into this new paradigm.
- Need to reach out to Keith to discuss the options.

Administrative: No discussion

NEW BUSINESS

Budget – Next Steps (see above)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 7:41. The next meeting is set for April 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
NTR	Nothing to Report	FTE	Full Time Employee
ZWTF	Zero Waste Task Force	MRF	Materials Recycling Facility