The regular meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) was called to order by the Chair at 5:40 PM on June 6, 2019 in the 6th Floor Conference Room at the Executive Office Building (EOB).

DISCUSSION w/ COUNTY EXEC ELRICH

CE Elrich joined the meeting to chat about his vision for solid waste management in the County moving forward. The Committee was able to question the CE and received valuable insights on the direction he is intending to move.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mandatory Training – reminder we all need to complete the coursework.
- Minutes Approval – by unanimous consent. To be posted.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

- DAFIG – the next meeting is in June. Paula will attend.
- Summer Meetings
  - Strategic and Budget to prep for September 4 meeting
    - Look at meeting in August timeframe to have benefit of HDR report
  - Establish School Recycling review effort
    - Jamie to pull together
    - Potentially use Recycling sub to look for trends in recycling
  - Other ideas for research
    - Fee based efforts – external from tax bill
- September meeting – Kelly to pull together Calendar meeting
NEW BUSINESS

- DSWS Update (Willie)
  - All sections meeting FY19 budget
  - Recycling
    - Marketing is largest struggle – bottom is still falling (paper in June $13/tn, avg in NE $-2/tn). Impact of Amazon type deliveries on supply. China impact continues.
    - Lexington, KY – no paper; Alexandria – glass to LF.
    - What are the implications to the County’s program? What is the response?
    - China Companies coming into US and pre-processing to create feedstock that by-pass the regulations.
    - New food waste position is starting with a focus on commercial facilities
    - Leaf Grow sales strong, 650,000 bags
  - Long Term Plan – working to develop detailed plans for each technology. Use as guidance to drive RFP to the business community

- ZWTF (HDR Reports) Update –
  - PAYT will be recommended – needs to be fleshed out
  - HDR Report is strategic – not operational. A Master Plan.
  - Task force landed on 8 areas of focus as potential next steps to move the needle.
  - Timeline:
    - Sections posted as they are cleared by committee
    - Task 8 under review now – County Facilities
    - Task 9 expected mid-August – What’s Left in the Waste
    - Monday, June 10, 530 – modeling on GHG. WARM (pro and con). DEP building.
    - Next meeting July 10 – Anaerobic Digestion and the Gore System
  - Task Force will be wrapping up this fall – SWAC needs to be prepared to carry the water.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45. The next meeting is set for September 4, 5:30 PM, in the 6th Floor Conference Room at the Executive Office Building (EOB).

ACRONYMS

CC County Council  
CNG Compressed Natural Gas  
DAFIG Dickerson Area Facilities Implementation Group  
DEP Department of Environmental Protection  
FY Fiscal Year  
MC Montgomery County  
MES Maryland Environmental Services  
OCC Old Corrugated Containers (cardboard)  
SCA Sugarloaf Community Association  
SWAC Solid Waste Advisory Committee  
NTR Nothing to Report  
ZWTF Zero Waste Task Force  
CE County Executive  
CPI Consumer Price Index  
DSWS Division of Solid Waste Services  
EfW Energy from Waste  
ERP Enterprise Resource Planning  
HHW Household Hazardous Waste  
LF Landfill  
MML Maryland Municipal League  
RRF Resource Recovery Facility  
TPD Tons per Day  
FTE Full Time Employee  
MRF Materials Recycling Facility