The regular meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) was called to order by the Chair at 5:34 PM on May 20, 2020 as a TEAM on-line meeting. Introductions were made. Acronyms are posted at the bottom of this report.

OLD BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATIVE
- New member applications are in the CE’s office. Waiting on application. Chair is looking for members to participate in the process.
- DEP move is on hold, no expected date has been set.

REVIEW and APPROVE MINUTES
- February Minutes still on hold pending Division fact review. Chair will follow-up. Push until June meeting for approval.

NEW BUSINESS

BUDGET PROCESS UPDATE
- COVID has modified the timing.
- Chair reviewed the highlights Solid Waste Service budget.
• The CC has established a “continuity of service” budget that includes much of the recommended options.

**Continuity of services budget**
- Council straw vote on May 14; final budget vote expected May 21
- Council reached agreement to fund:
  - 3 field inspectors to reduce recycling contamination
  - Residential food scraps pilot
  - Implementation of commercial food scraps program
  - Provide bins to single family homes for at-home food scrap composting
- Not funded as part of continuity of services budget:
  - 3 code enforcement positions
  - Compensation adjustment (will be considered separately for all of government)

• At this point: do we provide comments on the budget? Discussion ensued. Draft a letter to express SWAC’s support of the decisions made. Review/approve next meeting.
• Motion to write letter – seconded. Passes unopposed. Heidi and Ellen to draft.
  - Thanking Council for funding
  - Supporting additional resources
  - Supporting Food Composting

**COVID-19 IMPACTS on SOLID WASTE BUDGET**
• Volume from residential trash is up. Overall it is flat.
• With all that is happening is there an opportunity for change implementation.
• Folks at home – education? Can the Business Staff support residential education?
  - FOCAL AREA FOR 2021
• Waste flows are changing – thought is it will not go back. Residential waste is expected to be higher when we get to the end.
• Potential to move Up County controls up the needs list. PAYT impact is bigger.
• Home deliveries are impacting both cost and generation of OCC.
• Some stores are not allowing bag re-use in stores, others are. There is more plastic in the mix. No health science reports support this move; SWAC would like DEP to support this discussion in a future meeting.
• Any planning on DEP’s future moves
• Is there a higher exposure risk/impact to solid waste employees
• Chair will follow up.

**UPDATE on TASK 9 REPORT from ZERO WASTE TASK FORCE**
• ZWTF is finished with its task
• Final recommendations are out
  - No position on RRF
  - Focused on steps to move toward zero waste
    - MRF upgrades
    - Residential collection and mandated organic collection
    - OCC increased collection
    - Improve C&D handling, redirection, management
    - Recycling Education
    - PAYT – an important drive to get attention
    - Up County collection by county
• Chair to reach out to Division Head to invite to future meeting (July 2020?) to discuss the Report.
  - How will this information be rolled into the new Ten-Year Master Plan?
    - SWAC input
  - What plans are being implemented by the County?
  - Is SWAC expected to weigh-in?
OLO REPORT
- Council T&E Committee discussion of OLO Report on Feb. 6, 2020
  - Haulers were present – content that County would not pick up process
  - OLO would not modify Subdistrict B but would expand A if homeowners supported
  - Corrected report has not been issued.
- Process is on hold given current conditions.
- Next steps for SWAC?
  - Should prepare to respond to T&E questions.
  - Sub-committee meeting to be held on the 27th. Chair to pole for participation.

CONTENT IN LETTER ON THE BUDGET
- Motion to include Task Force recommendation support in SWAC’s support for Budget. Seconded. Approved. Letter from above to include this topic.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:
- June 3, 2020
  - Ask DEP to discuss community education efforts
  - Discussion on OLO Report
  - General Division Update
  - Prep for July meeting with Adam Ortiz
  - Potential for continued On-line meeting
- Look out to October for Solid Waste/Climate Impact meeting
- Tentative plan for a July meeting.
- DAFIG Meeting on June 9 – set as an in-person event. SWAC will not attend. Offer to provide technical support for online meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
None

ADJOURN
Meeting was adjourned at 7:25. The next meeting is set for June 3, 5:30 PM, on-line.

ACRONYMS

| C&D       | Construction and Demolition | MES | Maryland Environmental Services |
| CC        | County Council              | MRF | Materials Recycling Facility   |
| CE        | County Executive            | MML | Maryland Municipal League     |
| CNG       | Compressed Natural Gas      | NTR | Nothing to Report              |
| CPI       | Consumer Price Index        | OCC | Old Corrugated Cardboard       |
| DAFIG     | Dickerson Area Facilities Implementation | OLO | Office of Legislative Oversight |
| Group     | PAYT | Pay As You Throw           |
| DSWS      | Division of Solid Waste Services | RRF | Resource Recovery Facility   |
| DEP       | Department of Environmental Protection | RRMD | Recycling & Resource Management Division |
| EW        | Energy from Waste           | SA  | Service Area for County collection |
| ERP       | Enterprise Resource Planning| SCA | Sugarloaf Community Association |
| FTE       | Full Time Employee          | SWAC| Solid Waste Advisory Committee |
| FY        | Fiscal Year                 | TPD | Tons per Day                   |
| HHW       | Household Hazardous Waste   | T&E | Transportation and Environment Committee |
| MDE       | Maryland Department of the Environment | TPD | Tons per Day |
| MC        | Montgomery County           | ZWTF| Zero Waste Task Force          |