The regular meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) was called to order by the Chair at 5:30 PM on June 3, 2020 as a TEAM on-line meeting. Introductions were made. Acronyms are posted at the bottom of this report.

OLD BUSINESS

REVIEW and APPROVE MINUTES

- February and May Minutes (as modified by discussion) – Motion to Approve and seconded. All approved.

DIVISION UPDATE

Comments from Willie Wainer – Update since March 18

- COVID - 19 Responses
  - All collection has continued with no interruptions
  - Contractors were able to maintain service with no interruptions
  - Transfer Station
    - Residential tonnage is up 30%
    - Commercial tonnages have dropped
    - Total daily tons down ~600 tons – 15%
    - Modified operations to minimize customer contact – no cash transactions
    - Most operational changes will be retained moving forward
    - Operating hours and use at facility were reduced
      - Only residential waste
      - No yard waste
      - Hold all non-emergency drops
    - As of this week the site is ready to return to the “New Normal Service”
      - 7am-5pm (M-S), 9am-5pm (Sun)
      - All PPE and processes are in place
    - Will focus on Local (MC) use only. NO Out of County material.
Employees were rewarded for their outstanding performance during this period.

- Both RRF and Compost Facility ran without incidents – normal operation
- MRF – normal operation
  - 2 cases of COVID – disinfect the site for reopening the next day.
  - No service interruptions
- All office folks teleworked well.
  - Recycling moved training to Zoom very effectively
  - This is here to stay.
- Wheaton move delayed until September – many decisions to be made.

- Commercial food scraps effort has started – new truck included
  - Smaller than expected due to COVID but good start
  - 3 partners – started pick up this week
  - Total of 27 have signed up
  - Material sent to Prince Georges County Facility through June 21 = 4,000 tons annually
  - No defined split between commercial and residential. Will cover the test locations
  - Not intended to be in competition with a private effort to collect this material
  - Groups/customers involved are a mixed choice to provide education and develop processes to be implemented across others in the same group type – learning for both county and partners

- Questions
  - How does enforcement impact TS staffing needs?
    - Ask for 6 new (3 TS code, 3 Contamination Inspectors)
    - 3 Contamination Inspectors were approved due to the success of their test implementation – significant recycled quality improvements
  - Is the telecommuting effort working across the agencies?
    - It is. Many departments are looking at continued use.
    - Also, discussions applying shift/alternating space use.

NEW BUSINESS

OLO REPORT
- AdHoc Committee met last week to draft a letter
- Minor corrections
- Move for approval, seconded, approved for sending.

LETTER ON THE BUDGET
- Follow up on May 20th meeting decision, letter drafted.
- No corrections
- Move to approve, seconded, approved for sending to Council.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:
- July 1, 2020
  - Invite Adam Ortiz (soon as reasonably possible)
    - Vision for future (5 – 10 years out)
    - How does he see SWAC’s involvement?
    - What skills do we need?
    - How does COVID create/impact permanent changes?
- August – no scheduled meeting
  - Use time for interested parties to plan future
- June DAFIG Meeting has been scheduled for virtual attendance
  - Since this is now a virtual meeting – interested – attend
  - Invite Mark Mayer (DAFIG Chair) to chat with SWAC at a future meeting
PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 7:01. The next meeting is set for July 1, 5:30 PM, on-line.

ACRONYMS

C&D  Construction and Demolition  MRF  Materials Recycling Facility
CC  County Council  MML  Maryland Municipal League
CE  County Executive  NTR  Nothing to Report
CNG  Compressed Natural Gas  OCC  Old Corrugated Cardboard
CPI  Consumer Price Index  OLO  Office of Legislative Oversight
DAFIG  Dickerson Area Facilities Implementation 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
EfW  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  SWMP  Solid Waste Management Plan
HHW  Household Hazardous Waste  T&E  Transportation and Environment Committee
MDE  Maryland Department of the Environment  TPD  Tons per Day
MC  Montgomery County  MES  Maryland Environmental Services
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MES  Maryland Environmental Services  ZWTF  Zero Waste Task Force