The regular meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) was called to order by the Chair at 5:30 PM on January 4, 2017 in the 6th Floor Conference Room at the Executive Office Building (EOB).

Introductions – around the table.

MAJOR PROGRAM PRESENTATION (Dickerson Fire – Dan Locke, Division Chief)

Review fire from a broad perspective. Started Dec 8, 2016. Called in MoCo DFRS. On-site for 11 days. Excessive smoke. Couldn’t process waste due to lines of sight. Holes created in building and roof to clear the smoke. Due to inability to process the County halted commercial waste deliveries to the Transfer Station (TS). Accepted residential and by-passed that material to other disposal facilities. Firefighting efforts used many gallons of water. This event occurred on the heels of the NRG oil event. Water (contaminated) entered the settling basin. The outfall was plugged outfall and water was trucked from the pond to maintain pond level. Continued to work the pit down and continued to deal with flare-ups. Current focus is to remove "OLD" waste from the storage pit. As of Jan 2 commercial waste is being accepted at the TS. During the event particulate and constituent air monitoring was established. Those results will be available late January.

Origin? Part of the analysis we are performing. Batteries? Potentially fireplace ashes? Chemical reactions?

History – three this year. July, August and December. Potentially related events.

Detection process – crane operator there 24/7. No smoke detectors. Heat only at 167 deg F at the roof.

DPS Structural Engineer on site the entire time to assure building was safe. Building performed well.

Focus now is to keep this from happening again. Pre-visual detection, potential chemical products of combustion?

Life expectancy? This is a power plant. Over 50 yrs. When taken care of it will perform.

County communications with DAFIG have been outstanding. Kept informed and provided access to resources to answer questions as they arose.

Review of the reverse 911 call and the contact rate. Opened the potential for text messaging.
OLD BUSINESS

Approve Past Minutes: October and November minutes were reviewed and approved.

Subcommittee:
- Confirm Membership: (new additions/selections made)
- Select Reporting Member:
  - Planning: Kelly
  - Recycling: Mark
  - Budget: Sara B
  - Organics: Carol

Reports:
- Planning: No report
- Recycling: No report
- Budget: No report
- Organics: No report

NEW BUSINESS

Food Council Information Sharing: Presentation on activities of the committee
Montgomery County Food Council 4+ years old. Growing. 4 working groups: (Food Economy, Environmental Impact, Food Access and Recovery, Food Literacy) 25 central council members. Meetings are open to public, meets monthly. Focus here is to connect different groups to improve communications and ultimately results. Environmental Impact group working on the food composting effort. Focus this year is to work with DSWS, SWAC, other entities to help drive the County’s plans. County Bill 28-16 is the guideline for the work that must be done. Focus on reduction and food recovery. Reduces the need for the compost solution.

Do we want to / how should we interface with this organization? Is there a place at our table for them to have a standing connection? Is it the right direction for the Committee to be pulled? Discussion ended that a link to the sub-committee is the best place for now.

Thank You letter to Paula Jenson:
- Sara D. has permission to draft and send letter of Thanks.

Planning for 2017 SWAC Calendar:
- Review of past calendar entries for potential inclusion as 2017 meeting agenda items.
  - 10 year plan
  - Organic Strategic Plan
  - Site visits (Gude, MRF, Dickerson)
  - Organics recommendation review (after CE decides)
  - Scientific testing of compost
  - Sub-district B
  - Waste sort report (looking for newest report)
  - Discussion of air monitoring at RRF – results and meaning

If not on planning committee send thoughts to a planning member

How do we get to a focused effort? Align with 10 year plan. Where do we need to go?

HOMEWORK: review the current plan. Presentation on where we are in the process? What challenges are there? Big picture moves? Do it in 20 minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None offered.
ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52. The next Meeting set for February 2, 5:30 PM, in the 6th Floor Conference Room at the Executive Office Building (EOB).

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