The regular meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) was called to order by the Chair at 5:35 PM on September 6, 2017 in the 6th Floor Conference Room at the Executive Office Building (EOB). NO QUORUM. Introductions – around the table.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

**Handbook:**
- A new version of the SWAC Handbook distributed to all members. Quick review of included info.

**New Member Status:**
- Three new members nominated with expected appointed imminent.

**SWAC Vacancies and Term Expirations:**
- Plan to go out with announcement of open seats in October.
- Anyone with a term ending in 2017 will need to reapply as well to get a reappointment. Template (attached).

**Misc.:**
- Badging – what we need to. Complete form and return to Bill/Serena.
- Maryland Municipal League opening – position by code to be appointed by the MML
- Bill passed out an overview of the MC Solid Waste Management System (attached).
- 2016 data review – waiting on MDE approval. Heads up, recycle rate flat to down.
NEW BUSINESS

2018 Calendar:
- Food Waste effort will run into 2018 and Planning Subcommittee (once re-constituted) will address meeting scheduling.
- October a good time to discuss food waste plan (residential pilot in FY19).
- October (Eileen) and November (Don, Robin, and Bill) will include section Chief reports.
- New collections contracts have been proposed. 3 awarded, 2 to come. Annual expenses have significant increases. One reason a 5 year, not 7, higher cap costs. Equipment and changes over 7 years – too many variables.
- Investigate “Pay as you Throw” to improve recycling rate. Move residential to unit pricing.
- Gather and review photos of how others do it well.
- Discussion on various recycling technologies tied back to collection.
  - Single vs dual
    - 2008 study – maybe a current research effort
    - New paper processing system
- Budget Planning assumptions for the FY19 request. Submitted by Department, end of October.
- Further discussions on Area B collections. Gather comments on past Recycling Committee.
- Look at markets of recyclables – global impacts, value, salability, who and where
- Styrofoam recycling options, bubble wrap options
- Doodle poll for October MRF and paper walk about.

Subcommittee Membership & Reports:

Planning: Need to re-instate that group.

DAFIG: No report.


Communications: No report.

Food Waste Strategic Plan Process:
Review of County Reg and the establishment of the Food Waste Reduction effort.

List who on which working group:
- Backyard composting & community-scale composting: Kelly D
- Strategies to maximize collection at the curb: Carol J
- Commercial composting* in Montgomery County: Sara B
- Reducing food waste/channeling food to others: Sara D
- On-site institutional/on-site business composting: Aaron H and Sue B
- On-farm composting: Mark F

Process as it currently stands. County is drafting the first cut of each chapter. Expect circulation in mid-September. Comments by end October. Request that the Conveners (and SWAC) receive all 6 Chapters and any support.

Discussion on Recycling Rate – 2016: As the rate is flat, we need to maintain focus on current processes and not depend on food waste to solve the problem. Current MRF capacity cannot handle the total incoming co-mingled. Excess runs to Penn Waste. Discussion on recovery and future plans (re-tool, contact 100%, other options). Other focuses: business performance – need additional resources to support sector. Single stream vs dual stream – collection rates and value discussion/decision.
OLD BUSINESS

Approve Past Minutes: no quorum to approve minutes. Please review and comment any corrections.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None offered.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30. The next Meeting set for October 4, 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 FY  Fiscal Year
ERP  Enterprise Resource Planning HHW Household Hazardous Waste
MES  Maryland Environmental Services MC  Montgomery County
SWAC Solid Waste Advisory Committee RRF Resource Recovery Facility
MML  Maryland Municipal League