

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NON-MEETING MINUTES (no quorum)
January 6, 2016

SWAC MEMBERS

Sara Ducey; Vice Chair
Mark Freedman
Robert Brown
Vacancies: 6

Jessica Weiss
Mark Symborski
Steve Sprague

Sara Bixby
Nicolette deVore

Absent: Paula Jenson; Chair

Craig Simoneau

COUNTY STAFF - DSWS

Robin Ennis

Peter Karasik

Susanne Burnhart-Wiggins

GUESTS

none

The regular meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) was called to order by the Acting Chair at 5:40 PM on January 6, 2016, in the 6th Floor Conference Room at the Executive Office Building (EOB). Introductions were then made. NO QUORUM at that time.

MAJOR PROGRAM PRESENTATION – Peter Karasik

Gude Remediation: No earth shaking changes. MDE comments on proposed remediation were received in March 2015. Need to get to drinking water standards at property line. Methane level not to exceed LEL. MDE supported the bioremediation process. Expressed concern about metals. Working to identify a solution. Still need to implement cover system improvements to reduce leachate. Further investigation is needed with respect to metals removal. The water table is below the trash level (test pilot holes drilled). This will be a multi-year effort to achieve final goals. Estimated costs in the ~\$1,000,000 annually. Even then it is a long term monitoring site. Long term plans are open. Re-submittal is due in February.

Recycling Markets (e-waste): E-waste is in trouble. CRT glass is difficult. Commodity prices are down. No good market for the material.

Paper Processing: Current system is in by bulk and out by bulk. Plan is to get into the separation process. CP Manufacturing will be the vendor involved in providing that service to the County. July in service date. Adding storage building. Planning and procurement efforts currently in process. Mostly mechanical storage with minimal people.

Transfer Station: No big changes in 2105. Things running as designed. Yard waste movement smooth. Rubble management has saved ~\$500K in 2015. Soil screener, closer shipment, cleaner products – lower disposal costs.

DSWS – WEB SITE – Susanne Brunhart-Wiggins

Looking at the current evolution of the site.

“Every use of your web site is a conversation with a busy user.” Jenny R

Conversations include all forms of media. On-line hits are consistent – info asks. Bounce rate is high, in and out. Susanne is responsive to needs of the web site. Tracks problems, timing of needed changes. Busiest page, busiest on w/e and holidays. Need to push Holiday Notifications – subscription service list is used in the County. Multiple delivery methods. Many different lists. End of message poetry to reward the readers. Working to simplify the processes by having form access available on the application page. Recognizing the need to be phone view compatible. Moving web pages over to new formatting.

OLD BUSINESS

Approve Past Minutes: November 5, minutes not approved as written.

February Scribe: Mark is now recording secretary.

Subcommittee Reports:

Planning: February meeting will continue as planned. It will be a review of the current food waste discussions that are taking place in the County. Thought is that we will be able to provide our input into that process. How is it collected, what are the tonnage expectations, where is the marriage between collection and processing?

Recycling: no report

Budget: no report

NEW BUSINESS

Nominations and Elections for 2016 (Chair and Vice): Sara and Jessica – president and vice.

Boards and Commissions Recruiting Process: The application process is broken. The support staff is unable to process applications for membership in a timely fashion. The on-line application process does not accept any inputs at this time. Picture taking for addendum to the letter to the County Exec. Sara D will be writing the letter and has our approval to send the letter.

Food Waste: Jessica has a better understanding of the machine operation. She had the opportunity to see the machine in operation at the manufacturer. Pogo is willing to operate for now. Concern: is food waste, as a separate stream, considered MSW. MDE is still a wild card. Regulations are formed but the application of those regulations is still fuzzy.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25.

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