

Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee

November 13, 2015 - 11:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

King Street Center 8th Floor Conference Room

Meeting Minutes

<u>Members</u>	
Bill Pelosa	<i>Auburn</i>
Susan Fife-Ferris	<i>Bellevue</i>
Sabrina Combs	<i>Bothell</i>
Brian Roberts	<i>Burien</i>
Barre Seibert	<i>Clyde Hill</i>
Rob Van Orsow	<i>Federal Way</i>
Micah Bonkowski	<i>Issaquah</i>
Gina Hungerford	<i>Kent</i>
Kathy Brown	<i>Kirkland</i>
Jenna Higgins	<i>Kirkland</i>
John MacGillivray	<i>Kirkland</i>
Penny Sweet	<i>Kirkland</i>
Diana Pistoll	<i>Maple Valley</i>
Carol Simpson	<i>Newcastle</i>
Gary Schimek	<i>Redmond</i>
Linda Knight	<i>Renton</i>
Beth Goldberg	<i>Sammamish</i>
Rika Cecil	<i>Shoreline</i>
Uki Dele	<i>Shoreline</i>
Frank Iriarte	<i>Tukwila</i>
Bernie Talmas	<i>Woodinville</i>
Paula Waters	<i>Woodinville</i>
Dick Zais	<i>Woodinville</i>

<u>King County Staff</u>
Jamey Barker, SWD staff
Gerty Coville, SWD staff
Jeff Gaisford, SWD Recycling & Environmental Services Manager
Beth Humphreys, SWD staff
Pat McLaughlin, SWD Director
Laila McClinton, SWD staff
Meg Moorehead, SWD Strategy, Communications & Performance Manager
Mike Reed, Council staff
Christie True, DNRP Director
Bryn Vander Stoep, Staff, Councilmember Dunn's office
Diane Yates, SWD staff
<u>Guests</u>
Doreen Booth, SCA
David Della, Waste Management
Karl Hufnagel, Parametrix
Laura Moser, Waste Management
Joe Murdoch, HDR
Ian Sutton, Parametrix

Minutes & Agenda Review

The October minutes were approved as written.

Updates

SWD

On October 27th, MSWMAC members received an email from Solid Waste Division Director Pat McLaughlin informing them that the division is moving forward with an EIS for a new south county station. Discussions will continue with Algona while the environmental review is completed.

On October 14, SWD held the second Cedar Hills Regional Landfill community meeting of 2015 in Issaquah. The nine neighbors in attendance received updates on construction and environmental monitoring, ongoing studies, operational activities, and operations at Bio Energy Washington. The next community landfill meeting will be held in spring 2016.

SWD's annual fall tour of the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill was a big success with 36 attendees. There was even a waitlist for the tour. Attendees included a Girl and Boy Scout troop, landfill neighbors, former advisory committee members, and a council member aide. They saw lots of changes happening at the landfill including preparations for Area 8 and moving the stormwater ponds.

The division has submitted a report on resource recovery efforts at transfer stations to council. The report is in response to a budget proviso restricting the expenditure of \$1.7 million and hiring 9 FTE's. Council is considering the motion, which would release the funds allowing the very successful resource recovery program to be expanded to the Bow Lake and Enumclaw facilities.

SWAC

There was no SWAC report

Other

John MacGillivray asked about the Styrofoam collection project at the Shoreline Recycling and Transfer Station. Jeff Gaisford responded that the implementation of the program will commence as soon as the containers for collection are ready. MSWMAC Chair Bill Pelosa stated that the company that is collecting Styrofoam has moved to Kent (it was located next to IKEA in Renton). He asked what other cities were doing about Styrofoam collection and asked for advice.

- Gaisford said that before collecting Styrofoam at other stations, SWD wants to test collection at Shoreline. He said that SWD appreciates it when cities collect it.
- Jenna Higgins said that Kirkland collects Styrofoam once a month. It's a simple program that's been set up – they have a 40 yard drop box available that often that fills up. The program has worked well in Kirkland and they can give other cities advice, including printed materials.
- Sabrina Combs added that Bothell added Styrofoam to their new Recology contract and the Recology store also collects it. She had a recycling guide that includes info on how to recycle Styrofoam and she passed it around.

Combs added that Bothell recently moved into their new City Hall – consolidating 6 buildings into one. They recycled, reused and repurposed office furniture and equipment, paper, etc. whenever possible. She hopes to have some data on the move to share soon. The City is also partnering with Buy Nothing Bothell and the Recology store for a gently used toy collection during the holidays.

Transfer System: Discussion

Strategy, Communications, and Performance Manager Meg Moorehead presented a [revised proposal](#) for MSWMAC's Comp Plan review process. The proposal is based on feedback from MSWMAC at the October committee meeting and the demand management subcommittee meeting. She also presented a [handout](#) from the demand management subcommittee meeting that was held on November 6.

There was a general discussion about the demand management strategies discussed at the subcommittee meeting. Moorehead stated that the subcommittee had discussed and stated that they want the demand management strategies to be tested at all of the transfer stations. SWD will need to verify permit conditions at all stations to determine what is feasible to do at each station. We will also need to verify collection contracts to determine if low cost bulky waste collection is feasible. The subcommittee members agreed to meet again. Comments included:

- Several members said that the subcommittee meeting was good, although it was a tough conversation. It was difficult at first, but people were frank which led to a productive discussion.
- Solid Waste Division Director Pat D. McLaughlin said that he is happy that the subcommittee has balanced representation. SWD wants this to be a transparent and collaborative process and needs to hear broad viewpoints. He thanked the subcommittee members for participating and stated that we need all of the information to make the best decisions. The subcommittee has given SWD work to do before there is another meeting in early December (scheduled for December 8).
- In response to a question, Council staff Mike Reed stated that the Transfer Plan Review report had been tentatively on the Council calendar for December, but since Council is interested in what the subcommittee is discussing, he felt that Council may not take up consideration of the report until January.
- Susan Fife-Ferris said that an important issue is the political viability of some of the strategies and asked how the strategies would be tested with politicians to make sure that they will be able to move forward.
- McLaughlin acknowledged strategies will have to be tested for both operational and political viability. How that is best done will be discussed with the sub-committee.
- In response to a question about whether SWD will be discussing a dual track process with Council about the idea of a siting process while we are testing the demand management strategies, McLaughlin stated that SWD is focused on designing and testing the demand management strategies.
- Sweet stated that a question in her mind as we move forward with testing the demand management strategies is what happens when we find that they don't work? Will SWD be letting the Council know of the consequences of not moving forward with the siting process now?
- Kathy Brown asked if the findings of the subcommittee will be brought to the Council even if they are different from SWD's findings.
- McLaughlin responded that yes, the intention is to inform the Council of the views expressed by our advisory committees and system partners.

- McLaughlin was asked when SWD would be presenting the information on the demand management strategies to Council. McLaughlin responded that at this point, he didn't know how or when the findings of this work would be transmitted.
- Rob Van Orsow said that he thought SWD would be expanding the scope of the pilot by testing the demand management strategies system-wide. McLaughlin responded that the dialogue at the subcommittee was that from a regional equity perspective, the strategies should be tested system-wide.
- Fife-Ferris stated that the King County Code says that there should be regional equity and the subcommittee should take that to heart.

Chair Peloza asked for a summary of the Comp Plan schedule. Moorehead responded that the revised schedule would require devoting most agendas until June 2016 to the Comp Plan, with meetings dedicated to transfer issues until March 2016, then two meetings for each chapter after that. At last month's meeting MSWMAC members agreed to use a "rolling consensus" during the comp plan process to facilitate the dialogue. SWD will be posing several alternative policy choices for the committee to discuss instead of bringing the whole chapter to the committee, similar to what was done with the Roadmap to 70% handout. She welcomed feedback on the proposed plan.

Cart Tagging Pilot Program: Presentation

Recycling and Environmental Services Manager Jeff Gaisford introduced Gerty Coville, SWD staff, who gave a presentation on [SWD's Cart Tagging Pilot Program](#). She stated that the study is a representative study that will provide SWD with information about what behavior we can expect if we implemented a cart tagging program. Comments included:

- In response to a question, Coville explained the program does not use red tags because the color red has negative connotations. The program wants to encourage residents instead.
- Some members asked if SWD would be doing an operational study on the logistics of implementing cart tagging. Coville stated that SWD would be doing a study that would include costs and would be scalable. The program assumes that someone is going ahead of the collection truck; the collection truck driver is not issuing the tags.
- From this study, can it be inferred that if the garbage cart has been reduced, recycling will increase? Gaisford responded that anecdotally we think that recycling increased, but this program is only focused on organics.
- Some members commented that if you don't put out yard waste, but just put food in the container, it gets gooey. Two weeks is too long to have food in the yard waste cart – with or without yard waste. Gaisford responded that it is a challenge for those that are just putting out food waste. Some of the haulers are testing smaller, food only containers and/or weekly collection

- Members also commented that it helps to have different cart colors– blue for recycling, green for yard waste, and gray for garbage. Stickers on the carts are also helpful.
- Diana Pistol commented that she is excited that the County is talking to rural residences.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.