

**King County Solid Waste Advisory Committee
 May 17, 2019 - 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.
 King Street Center 8th Floor Conference Center**

Meeting Minutes

<u>Members Present</u>
April Atwood – Vice Chair
Kevin Kelly—Chair
Gib Dammann
Phillipa Kassoover
Keith Livingston
Stephen Strader
Elly Bunzendahl
Barbara Ristau
Ken Marshall

<u>King County Staff</u>
Meg Moorehead
Pat McLaughlin
Hilary Leonard
Dorian Waller
Jeff Gaisford
John Walsh

<u>Others</u>
Janet Pritchard, Republic
Lane Covington, KC Councilmember Lambert
Joy Carpine-Cazzanti, Haz Waste Program
Heather Trim, Zero Waste Washington
Christian Hoogerheyde, Walden Waste
Dwight Miller, Parametrix

Minutes

Minutes of the April SWAC meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

Public Comments

There was no public comment.

Updates

Solid Waste Division (SWD)

SWD Director Pat McLaughlin provided SWD updates:

Comp Plan

On April 24th the King County Council approved the Comp Plan. On Monday we will transmit the signed plan to all the cities for the beginning of the 120-day adoption period that ends on September 17th. City approval of the 2019 Plan requires cities representing three-quarters of the total population to act on the Plan during the 120-day period.

SWD Recognition

Lisa Sepanski, Recycling and Environmental Services Program/Project Manager has been inducted into the Washington State Recycling Association (WSRA) Hall of Fame for her long-term contributions to recycling in Washington State.

SWD Engineer Toraj Ghofani was featured in the 2019 edition of Civil Engineering Magazine for his innovative work concerning landfill gas management. Ghofrani determined how to use sound to monitor the movement and presence of landfill gas.

Commercial Food Waste Grants

Jeff Gaisford reported that SWD is about to roll out a third round of commercial food waste grants for projects that move King County closer to its goal of Zero Waste. Grants will be awarded in mid-August and funding is anticipated to be within the \$30,000 to \$50,000 range per project.

MSWAC

Kassover reported Cedar Groves provided the same presentation to MSWAC that was presented to SWAC in April and they heard an update on SCRTS that will be presented to SWAC today.

Leg update

Jeff Gaisford from SWD provided updates on the legislative bills.

The Reusable Bag Bill (HB 1205/SBB 5323) did not pass the senate. We will try again on this next year and have work going on at the local level.

The Plastic Packaging Stewardship bill (HB 1204/ SSB 5397) passed. It became a study bill that requires Ecology to work with a consultant to develop options to reduce plastic packaging in the waste stream and present to the legislature in 2020. Stewardship efforts would be implemented beginning in January of 2022. We're going to work closely with Ecology as they move forward.

Kassover asked if a committee will be formed to help with planning. Gaisford responded that they will seek stakeholder feedback, but a formal committee is not prescribed in the bill.

The Recycling Development Center Bill (HB 1543/SB 5545) passed and does require support from a formal committee. We'll be working with Ecology to determine how we can support the effort locally.

The Composability Labeling bill (HB 1569) passed. It authorizes state and local governments to pursue false or misleading environmental claims and "greenwashing" for plastic products. It also requires clarity around labeling for compostable products sold in Washington.

The Paint Stewardship Bill (HB 1652) passed after 8 years of legislative sessions. It requires stewardship for latex and oil-based paint beginning November of 2020. Other states have adopted similar bills. We'll be working on developing latex paint recycling.

Strader asked why SWD's Hazardous Waste Management Program doesn't currently take back latex paint but does accept oil-based paint. Gaisford responded that testing showed oil-based paint is hazardous, but latex is not.

Food Waste Bill (HB 114) passed. It requires the state to reduce the amount of food waste generated annually by fifty-percent by 2030. The Department of Ecology will develop the plan.

Committee Roster and Recruitment

Dorian Waller provided an update on SWAC recruitment.

An update on SWAC member attendance will be presented quarterly. Highlights on SWAC accomplishments this year include providing input on the Comp Plan, the Responsible Recycling Task Force Recommendations, Kirkland's Cart Tagging program, and the new Cleanup LIFT discount. At future meeting SWAC will be asked to provide input and advice for multi-family recycling and organics, the Hazardous Waste Management Program, the South County Recycling and Transfer Station, and the Northeast Recycling and Transfer Station.

We are currently processing three applications for the Interested Resident, Teamsters 117, and Waste Management Industry representative spots. We need help recruiting for the the open agricultural representative, Cedar Hills resident, and recycling industry representative spots.

South County Recycling and Transfer Station (SCRTS)

Doug Chin Project Manager for SCRTS provided a project update.

The new station will serve approximately 286,000 people across the cities of Algona, Auburn, Federal Way, Pacific, and unincorporated King County. The new station will be about twice as big as the existing Algona Station. It will be the second King County transfer station to accept Hazardous Waste as well as recycling, garbage, and yard waste. Mitigating environmental impacts is a priority and we aspire to reach the green building sustainability goal of achieving an International Living Future Institute (ILFI) petal certification. Petal certification is the most rigorous green building certification in the world.

We have conducted community engagement activities including presentations to city councils, community groups, and hosting an open house. There's an open house online open now through June 2. The feedback we've received so far falls within expected responses. The main concerns expressed by the public are about traffic backups onto West Valley Highway, environmental impacts to onsite streams and wetlands, odor concerns, slope stability, wildlife, and noise.

The project is in the preliminary design phase through the end of the year. Final design and permitting begins in 2020 followed by construction in 2021. The station is expected to be open to the public in 2023.

Ristau asked who currently owns the steep slope property surrounding the building area of the new site. Chin responded that it is King County property.

Livingston asked if there has been recent, notable community resistance to the project. McLaughlin responded there has not, but we anticipate there will be more input from the community when the permitting phase begins and will continue to involve the community as plans more forward.

Marshall asked about the existing station and what happens to it once the new station is built. Chin responded the City of Algona agreed the existing site would not be part of the new structure. The old site will be transferred over to the city.

Bunzendahl asked about innovative plans for the Construction and Demolition(C&D) waste generated by the project. Chin responded that part of the sustainability effort includes recycling and reusing as many materials as possible. The actual methods used will be determined by the plan put forth to achieve the Living Building Challenge certification.

Dammann asked about plans for adding additional services at the Transfer Station as new recycling markets develop. Gaisford responded current plans reflect what is anticipated will be needed when the station opens and there is potential for the plans to evolve as the opening date gets closer.

Kassover noted that she's glad to see environmental education is part of the plan to open to new station. She praised the success the Green Teams have had in providing waste and recycling education to school children.

Ristau commented she anticipates the community will respond positively when they see the benefits the station will bring to the area, especially the job and apprenticeship opportunities.

Livingston asked about the total estimated cost of the project and the cost meeting the Living Building Challenge will require. Chin responded the project is budgeted at \$133 million but doesn't have a cost estimate for achieving petal certification yet. A pathway for achieving certification is being developed, and if we find it's not viable, our backup is to achieve LEED Platinum. King County's Strategic Climate Action Plan includes the goal to have 10 new County projects achieve petal certification by 2020. Upfront costs may be higher, but lifecycle costs are often lower.

Member Comment

Dammann and Kassover expressed congratulations for most of the bills successfully passing through the state legislative session.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:28am.