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SCRTS DAG Launch Meeting Summary | Nov 2018

On November 29, 2018 King County Solid Waste Division (SWD) launched the South County Recycling and Transfer Station (SCRTS) Design Advisory Group (DAG). Four of the five confirmed DAG members gathered for the first meeting at the Algona-Pacific Public Library, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. SWD is seeking additional DAG members who represent a variety of community interests. This is an opportunity to help shape the design of a modern facility that will better serve the community with more recycling options and improved services.

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ACTION ITEMS

DAG Members

- SWD reminds DAG members to attend the December 12 open house and invite their friends and neighbors.
- What organizations, community groups, residents, and businesses should we engage in this project? Contact SWD project manager Andrea.Clinkscales@kingcounty.gov.
- What recommendations do you have for additional DAG members? SWD is seeking four to five community members interested in participating. Contact SWD project manager Andrea.Clinkscales@kingcounty.gov.
- Let the project team know what materials would be helpful to better understand the project scope and to share with fellow community members.
- What project related inquiries, issues or concerns should we cover in the next DAG meeting?
- Inform the SWD project manager in advance if you need to miss a meeting. The team will forward materials for your review. You will be responsible for knowing that content.

3 Square Blocks

- Prepare DAG meeting summary
- Finalize DAG Charter
- Track ongoing list of issues, inquiries and emerging themes and use this as a tool to inform the project team and plan for future DAG meetings.



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- Distribute DAG meeting summary and final DAG Charter to members and post on SWD project website: www.kingcounty.gov/south-county.
- Coordinate and host an online open house. This offers people a convenient way to participate in the project.
- Add a board about future development possibilities for existing transfer station site.
- Add information regarding public art to a board or make a separate board for that topic.
- Refine Equity and Social Justice board so that it resonates more with the community.

MEETING SUMMARY

DAG Members in Attendance

- Diana Quinn, City of Algona
- Joan Nelson, City of Auburn
- Rob Van Orsow, City of Federal Way
- Tina Scoccolo, Terra Dynamics (property just north of project site)

DAG Members Invited, but Unable to Attend

- Bill McCauley, lives on bluff above project site

Project Team in Attendance

- King County Solid Waste Division (SWD): Andrea Clinkscales, Neil Fujii
- Design Consultant, HDR: Mary Shanks, Nigel Baummer and 3 Square Blocks (3SB): Marcia Wagoner, Meg O'Leary

Welcome + Introductions

SWD Project Manager, Andrea Clinkscales, welcomed DAG members and thanked them for their participation. Members introduced themselves and shared their interest in the DAG. Four of the five confirmed DAG members attended, including Diana Quinn with City of Algona, Joan Nelson with City of Auburn, Rob Van Orsow with City of Federal Way, and Tina Scoccolo with Terra Dynamics (property just north of project site). Member Bill McCauley, who lives on bluff above project site, did not attend the first meeting. Next, King County engineer, Neil Fujii, gave a brief overview of the transfer station siting process, bringing the group up to date on the current concept design phase.

Project Context + Timeline

The presentation included project purpose and scope, timeline, where we are in design process (currently in concept design phase), and guiding principles. Since the project kick-off in June 2018, SWD has led a comprehensive agency employee engagement process to explore conceptual design alternatives, facilitated team working sessions, and hosted an eco-charrette to explore how best to reach LEED platinum certification, SWD's minimum goal for the new facility, or other potential certifications.



DAG member questions:

- Where will the anaerobic digester be located on site because those take up a lot of space?

SWD response: We're not sure yet, need to fit essential elements first, then determining what other technologies we have room for after a preferred layout is selected, noting it is an irregular shaped site, very constrained.

- Did you discuss carbon emissions reduction in eco-charrette?

SWD response: Yes. For LEED certification, we must demonstrate energy efficiency through different emissions reductions metrics. The project team is exploring how to minimize emissions during construction and during operation of the new facility.

DAG Charter Setting

Marcia Wagoner, walked members through the draft DAG Charter, reviewing project key messages, DAG roles and responsibilities, time commitment and expectations, ground rules, and DAG meeting schedule.

DAG member questions:

- What is our regular DAG meeting schedule?

SWD response: For now, we have agreed to keep Thursdays, 6:00 to 8:00pm, at either the Algona City Hall or Algona-Pacific Library. SWD will revisit the schedule with DAG members at the February meeting. DAG members in attendance indicated Thursdays generally work with their schedules.

- Did SWD form an advisory committee for the Factoria Recycling and Transfer Station project?

SWD response: No advisory committee was convened, though SWD lead a variety of outreach activities including open houses, neighborhood door-belling, and more focused small group project briefings to encourage project understanding and followed the City of Bellevue process.

- We're hoping we'll have more diverse members on the DAG who represent the neighborhood and community and include commercial haulers.

SWD response: We will continue recruiting transfer station customers, local residents and businesses through January 2019. Please email DAG candidate recommendations to SWD project manager, Andrea.Clinkscates@kingcounty.gov

- Will haulers be included in DAG meetings?

SWD response: Commercial hauler Marc Davis could not make it tonight. Kevin Kelsey of Recology is usually too booked but will designate staff to attend moving forward. Handouts will be provided at King County Transfer Station scale houses to invite additional haulers.

December Open House Display Board Preview

SWD Project Manager, Andrea Clinkscales, reviewed the December 12 open house agenda and provided a preview of the display boards. SWD asked DAG members for comments on board content and help identifying any information gaps that would be important to share at this point in the project. Boards were projected on screen and 11x17 copies were provided.

DAG member questions:

- Diana, City of Algona, is helping to publicize December 12 open house through regular city channels such as reader boards and newsletters
- DAG members provided helpful comments on display board content. They recommended these additions and edits:
 - Plain language to describe the project – avoid technical jargon
 - How is SWD handling environmentally critical areas on site?
 - What happens to the existing Algona Transfer Station site?
 - How will site be accessed? Half of the current customers come up road to Terra Dynamics thinking it's the road to the transfer station.
 - Anticipating community concern about traffic, transfer station aesthetics, and addressing stability of steep slope above site.
 - The Equity and Social Justice board seems like information internal to SWD rather than community
 - Consider a community amenities board as a replacement.
 - What is planned for the stream on site and how will it prevent flooding? How will SWD address stormwater runoff, drainage and treatment? The stream is not fish passable and has downstream fish barriers. Community will likely prefer a stream that runs as natural as possible, one that is barrier free.
 - Tina requested more be added to the boards regarding a “return to nature,” as well as including “stream enhancements” on the Sustainability board.
 - Anticipating concern about transportation impacts on and near the site, building and roadway lighting, odor, noise, dust and how SWD will address these issues.
 - Consider adding aerial of an existing SWD transfer station view to give sense of what facility will look like from above.
 - Provide a more rudimentary layout of proposed West Valley Highway realignment and frontage improvements.
 - Add details about public art opportunities on site and consider inviting 4Culture to share information at open house.
 - DAG members recommended refraining from presenting a PowerPoint during the meeting, adding that a Welcome table should be included.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Next DAG Meeting: February 28, 2019, 6:00 to 8:00 pm, Algona City Hall
Public Open House: December 12, 2018, 6:00 to 8:00 pm, Algona City Hall
Online Open House: Available February through March 2019