

Solid Waste Advisory Group Meeting Summary

DATE: April 1, 2015

LOCATION: Solid Waste Administration Training Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Hillsborough Commissioner Kathleen Ferguson, Orange County Commissioner Barry Jacobs, Chapel Hill Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt, Carrboro Mayor Lydia Lavelle, Orange County Commissioner Penny Rich, UNC-Chapel Hill Representative Bruce Runberg, Chapel Hill Councilmember Jim Ward

MEMBERS ABSENT: UNC-Chapel Hill Representative Matt Fajack, Carrboro Alderman Randee Haven-O'Donnell, UNC-Healthcare Representative Mel Hurston, Hillsborough Commissioner Brian Lowen

STAFF PRESENT: OC Solid Waste Eric Gerringer, County Manager Bonnie Hammersley, Hillsborough Public Works Director Ken Hines, OC Solid Waste Jennie Knowlton, Chapel Hill Public Works Director Lance Norris, OC Solid Waste Blair Pollock, Carrboro Public Works Director George Seiz, Chapel Hill Solid Waste Wendy Simmons, OC Solid Waste Paul Spire, UNC-CH Solid Waste Program Manager BJ Tipton, OC Solid Waste Management Director Gayle Wilson, OC Solid Waste Kristina Witosky, Assistant County Manager Cheryl Young

Meeting Summary approval

- Correct "Chapel Hill Public Works Director Lance Norris" listed as Member Present to Staff Present
- March 6, 2015 Meeting Summary approved

Follow-up Discussion of March 26 Assembly of Governments Meeting

- Lavelle makes a motion to recommend Option 2, the County-Wide SW Program Fee, to respective boards
 - Motion passes 5 yeas (Ferguson, Jacobs, Kleinschmidt, Lavelle, Rich) 1 nay (Ward)
 - Fee recommendation will be shared with each Town and County Board, each board will vote individually. Towns must authorize County to charge SW Program Fee
 - Kleinschmidt states that CH Council needs to approve recommendation, CH Council will then direct Town Manager to include authorization in the budget ordinance
 - The County fee authorization may be renewed each year unless another procedure is developed
- Jacobs requests a study from the School of Government concerning the equity of county tax distribution benefits
 - Ward requests that all Towns are included in the creation of the study
- Kleinschmidt suggests on-going analysis and data collection of recycling services
 - Jacobs suggests adding a strategy for measuring the different solid waste services and to track them over time for the staff priority short/mid-term list

Towns and County Staff Priority Solid Waste Issue Report

- "Local Waste Disposal Facility" is clarified as Transfer Station/Landfill
 - SWAG agrees that future discussions should include the option of siting a local landfill
- Include "Community Impacts of Facility Siting, Programs, Policies/Ordinances" under "4. Consider Development of Local Waste Disposal Facility"

- Include “Minimize neighborhood impacts” under “4. Consider Development of Local Waste Disposal Facility”
- Include both “Environmental Education and Outreach” and “Public Involvement” under “Guiding Principles”
- Include “Alternative Technologies” under “4. Consider Development of Local Waste Disposal Facility”
 - Alternative Technologies may not be available for evaluation, development, implementation and permitting in needed timeframe.
 - Restrict to only proven/short-term alternative technologies under “4. Consider Development of Local Waste Disposal Facility”
 - Request for staff to create list of priorities/criteria to use in order to evaluate new alternative technologies
- Include “Residential Organics” in Short and Mid-Term Priorities
- Include “Pay-As-You-Throw waste collection” in Short and Mid-Term Priorities
- Include “Bio-Solids” in Long Term Issues
- Currently three closed landfills (1 C&D, 2 MSW). Stringent regulations do not begin to taper off for at least 30 years
- Current system hauling costs should be considered when discussing any new disposal systems
- Timeframes are requested for each priority
- SWAG will continue until Interlocal Agreement is complete
 - future of Work Group details will be included in Interlocal Agreement
 - consider a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) model as is used in regional transportation planning decision making
 - Lavelle recommended a term for the Interlocal Agreement of 3-5 years.

Other

- Update of County Staff’s Continuing Discussions with UNC-CH Staff Regarding Recycling Opportunities
 - Discussions have begun on plastic film, mixed paper collection, and multi-cart sites
 - Students in Residence Halls are required to carry trash, cardboard and mixed recycling to outdoor cart sites
- SWAG Next Steps
 - Reorder and revise Priority Solid Waste Issues
 - Reintroduce the Interlocal Agreement
- Next Meeting-April 22, 6pm, SW Administration Building

Public Comments

- None

Meeting adjourned at: 8:10pm

Name of Minute Taker: Jennie Knowlton