



SPU Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

June 1, 2022 Meeting Notes
Webex
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

*Co-Chair: Joel Dashnaw
Co-Chair: Brie Kuhn*

Committee Members	Present?	SPU Staff /Guest	Role
Danny Barksdale	Yes	Jemini Davis	SPU – Solid Waste Administrative Support
Joel Dashnaw	Yes	Jeff Fowler	SPU – Solid Waste LOB Deputy Director
Rina Fa’amoe-Cross	Yes	Pat Kaufman	SPU – Commercial Recycling Manager
Celine Fujikawa	Yes	Katie Lynd	SPU – Community Affairs
Brie Kuhn	Yes	Quinn Apuzzo	SPU – SWAC Program Coordinator
Nico Onoda-McGuire	Yes	Kate Kurtz	SPU – Organics & Landscape Resource Conservation Planner & Program Lead
Alessandra Pistoia	Yes	Heather Trim	Guest – Zero Waste WA
Hannah Scholes	Yes	Diana Wadley	Guest – Department of Ecology
Adrian Tan	Yes		
Ming-Ming Tung Edelman	No		
Dirk Wassink	Yes		

1. Welcome & Introductions

- SWAC Co-Chair, Brie, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM
- Members and guests introduced themselves. Prompted by the SWAC co-chair, they each shared their name, affiliation, and upcoming travel plans.
- May meeting minutes were approved by SWAC members in attendance.

2. SWAC Recognition

- This will be Joel’s last meeting as a SWAC member. He will be moving out of state.
- Nico and Dirk’s last SWAC meeting will be in August.
- Katie Lynd will continue to support SWAC, but Quinn will be the new program coordinator.
- SWAC members and guests thanked Joel, Nico, Dirk, and Katie for their commitment over the years.

3. Comments on SWLOB Updates for SWAC

SWAC members were asked to review the Solid Waste Line of Business updates in advance of the meeting. The Solid Waste Deputy Director was available to answer questions at the meeting.

- **A SWAC member asked,** “Who previously held the Contracts Manager position in Solid Waste?”
- **A SPU member responded,** Hans Van Dusen is currently in the position, but he has plans to retire this summer.
- **A SWAC member asked,** “Why was the area across from the South Transfer Station chosen for cleanup?”

- **A SPU member responded,** The area was cleaned up to improve safety and access to the transfer station.

4. Master Composter/Sustainability Stewards Volunteer Program

Kate Kurtz gave an overview on SPU's Master Composter/Sustainability Stewards Program.

- **A SWAC member asked,** "Does SPU see this program continuing long-term?"
- **A SPU member responded,** Yes.

5. Waste Prevention & Recycling Report

Stephanie Schwenger shared initial 2021 Waste Prevention & Recycling Report tonnage results for residential and self-haul MSW, and tonnage results for Seattle-based locations of statewide EPR programs.

- **A SWAC member asked,** "Has SPU signed the PaintCare contract?"
- **A SPU member responded,** Yes, but SPU will only accept oil-based paint.
- **A SWAC member asked,** "Is there a specific reason there was such a big jump in self-haul starting in 2017?"
- **A SPU member responded,** explaining that the North Transfer Station reopened following reconstruction in 2017.

6. Public Comment Summary

Katie Lynd and Stephanie Schwenger recapped public comment engagement activities and how many people were reached by them. They also summarized the comments received during the public comment period for the 2022 Solid Waste Plan Update.

7. Recruitment Updates

Quinn Apuzzo shared an update on SWAC's recruitment plan and schedule. SWAC members were asked to help promote the opportunity through their personal and professional networks.

8. Around the Table

- SWAC members did not do an around the table because a SWAC Chat was held prior to the meeting.

Adjourned 7:30 p.m.