



**March 17, 2010**

**Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 Fifth Avenue  
Room 4096  
5 p.m.-7 p.m.**

*Chair: Signe Gilson*

*Vice Chair: David Ruggiero*

*Secretary: Laura Feinstein*

**In attendance:** Signe Gilson, Chair; Eric Johnson; Carl Pierce; David Ruggiero; Rita Smith; David Traylor

**Absent:** Laura Feinstein; Todd Johnson; George Kukahiko;

**Staff:** Vicky Beaumont; Linda Rogers, Dick Lilly, Jeff Neuner, Joel Banslaben, Sheila Strehle, Jeff Neuner, Ken Snipes, Enna Lamping

**Guests:**

5:02 pm Call to Order

## **Administration:**

### **Chair Report:**

- February 2010 minutes approved
- **Attendance:** George Kukahiko notified Staff Supporter he will be unable to attend
- **Review of February's meeting's decisions, action items, accomplishments**
  - Charter/By-Laws – Rita asked these be re-sent for her review. Done – will review later in year

## **Monthly Topics:**

### **4. South Park Landfill Agreed Order – Briefing & Discussion**

- Sheila Strehle and Jeff Neuner briefed the SWAC on status:
  - FYI - Signed agreement with Mortenson team for the new south facility; open house on March 31<sup>st</sup> at South Park Community Center
  - First step for SP LF clean-up, then ground breaking in October
  - Work with DOE regarding feasibility study on contaminates
  - Submit RIFs work plan to DOE, work with DOE on suggested revisions
  - Field work to take place next quarter
  - DCAP – draft cleanup action plan
  - Will be couple of years before have agreement with DOE on final clean-up plan

### **5. Report From the Trenches – Briefing**

Ken Snipes, manager of North and South Transfer Stations, and Enna Lamping, North Crew Chief, presented briefing on Solid Waste Operational Report:

- Numbers – customer counts down since 2007 for both North and South stations; tonnage also down; and recycling/organics up
- Station News – Had recent Health Department, EPA and DOE reports – no major findings
- Just completed AVL (All Vehicle Locator system) installation; will be in full use within a couple weeks. Will enable quicker dispatching while trucks are “on the road” rather than having to wait for them to return to the station before being re-routed.
- Discussed instances of customers circumventing the minimum fee; loophole to be considered for future action.

## **6-A. Rationale Behind Budget Cuts - Briefing**

- Dick Lilly returned to discuss current budget issues; faced with \$1M cut of non-labor funds to make target, and still make sure to pick-up waste, garbage, recycle :
  - Backyard Organics – which include backyard composting, grass cycling, natural soil building
  - Try to ensure not get in way of reaching 60% recycling goal
  - Food waste key to reach 60% goal
  - 1550 restaurant accounts in City
  - Food waste accounts going up
  - Waste prevention not big tonnage part of project
  - Construction and demolition targets for cuts
  - Are just now moving into C&D handling – not yet have a good program developed
- Not asking for any restoration of Solid Waste budget for 2011

## **6-B. Mercury Lighting Bill – Briefing**

Passed House and Senate; waiting for Governor to sign

- This was a heavily negotiated bill
- Light industry agreed they should pay something
- Requires customer convenience standards
- Will be effective 1-1-2013
- Hope to strengthen before implementation
- Ecology plays stronger role
- Weakness – to get National EMA cap per producer
  - Feel too low to recycle number of bulk purchases
  - Ecology to review each year and can modify cost
  - Exempted private labels – such as Target brand CFL's

## **7. Hybrid Deconstruction Facility – Briefing**

Joel Banslaben briefed SWAC on the Hybrid Deconstruction Program (HDP) Study Goals:

- Hybrid Deconstruction – “panelization” of structures for salvage offsite
- Green Jobs Training – curriculum development and contractor training; build as a “system”
- Develop local building materials market – minimize carbon footprint/GHG's
- CPG 09-10 Funding awarded for \$180,000
- C&D Policy Opportunities:
  - C&D approximately 35% of City waste stream
  - Zero Waste resolution
  - Deconstruction permit
  - Challenges:
    - Transformational change in reuse/recycling markets requires significant investment
    - Facility siting issues
    - Deconstruction capacity (i.e. Yesler Terrace)

## **8. Annual Recycling Report – Briefing-Discussion**

Vicky Beaumont advised it's that time of year again where SWAC needs to review the Annual Recycling Report draft and provide feedback before the report is finalized.

- Eric Johnson and Rita Smith volunteered to review and provide feedback
- SWAC will see report at June meeting

**9. Rates Sub-Committee** – held telephone conference; nothing to update; will keep the SWAC informed as applicable.

## **10. Elect SWAC Secretary – Action**

- Duties: Review draft minutes, assist with letter writing as needed
- Nominated and Elected Laura Feinstein

## **11. SWAC Name Change – Discussion**

- Develop problem statement of what want to solve
- Implementation plan
- Eric Johnson and David Ruggerio will develop and present to SWAC
- Want to incorporate “recycle, waste reduction composting”

## **12. Debrief Annual CAC Meeting – Briefing**

### Recommendations

- Time and day meeting schedule – rethink time for next year
  - 5-7 PM a good time
- Agenda – Ray was great!
- Disappointed that neither Mayor nor representative were able to attend
- Rescheduled – 4/14 – Councilman O’Brien meeting at 4 PM

## **11. Wrap Up**

### **Recommendations - Carried over from February Meeting:**

- Discuss incentives with rates increase effects
- Recommendations for future meetings:
  - SWAC would like a follow-up that includes a little more specific information about the success of marketing the recently added materials, could be done in conjunction with update on the recyclables waste sort later this year.

### **Action Items:**

- Meeting with newly elected Administration – CAC Annual meeting 3/10/2010; meet with Councilman Obrien rescheduled for 4/14/2010 at 4 PM
- Rates Study: Deborah Caul to furnish short write-ups of the issues of particular interest; sub-committee arrange to meet with Deborah to discuss the issues. – On-going

### **Preliminary Agenda for Next Meeting – April 21, 2010**

- Approve meeting minutes for March, 2010
- Rates sub-committee report out

7:05 PM Meeting adjourned.