Meeting Notes

Seattle Public Utilities

SPU Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

April 15, 2009 Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 Fifth Avenue Room 4096 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

Chair: Mike McComber Vice Chair: David Ruggiero Secretary: Nicole Riss

In attendance: Mike McComber, Chair; Signe Gilson, Eric Johnson; George Kukahiko; Theo Mbabaliye;

Carl Pierce; Jonathan Rivin; Nicole Riss; David Ruggiero; Rita Smith

Staff: Vicky Beaumont, George Sidles, Linda Rogers, Dick Lilly, Jeff Neuner, Henry Friedman, Pat

Kaufman **Guests:**

Absent: No absences

5:05 pm Call to Order

Administration:

Chair Report:

- February and March, 2009 minutes approval as corrected
- Interviewed applicant for SWAC membership; is currently being reviewed; if approved, will start with May meeting.
- Anthony Harris, SPU photographer, took SWAC group pictures for SPU external website.
- Review of Prior Meeting Action Items
 - George Kukahiko gave debriefing on the LHWMP update session held April 7th. Next update meeting will most likely be in 2010 as there was a lot accomplished at this year's meeting.

Monthly Topics:

6. SW Transfer Station Rebuilds – Status Briefing

- Jeff Newner and Henry Friedman updated SWAC on South Station
 - o RFP will be sent to 4 pre-selected design teams
 - Proposal will include approximately 20% total engineering design work to be able to identify basic footprint and station design to price out work.
 - o Expect to interview and make selection in late fall
 - When doing soil samples, etc., found more contaminates than at first expected.
 Described actions to remove contaminated soils and replace before construction. Working with DOE and a voluntary clean-up plan has been submitted. Contaminate removal will not start until early next spring.
- North station will re-start stake holder meetings, the first being April 21st.

7. New Collection Contracts Implementation - Briefing

- George Sidles gave update on new transition to new collection contracts, and how the first two weeks went.
- Waste Management met implementation goals for first two weeks

Cleanscapes had more challenges as the entire route was new to the drivers. They
are addressing issues, and reducing missed pick-ups. Anticipate reaching identified
90-day goals.

8. - Food Foam Ban - Briefing

- Dick Lilly indicated the ban is working pretty well. SPU is working with those restaurants which are still using Styrofoam; when contacted, most comply with ban.
- Unexpected result is that most are jumping right to compostable containers.
- Cost for collection food waste is approximately 30% less than garbage.
- Has seen major change over last year in amount of garbage and compostable items.
- Working with Resource Venture to contact restaurants and food courts to get clearly marked 3-bin systems implemented (compost, recycle, garbage) and identify what can go in each.

9. Self-Haul Trip Reduction Study – Briefing, Comments Request

- Dick Lilly went over summary paper presented to SWAC. Trip reduction strategies suggested by the consultant were reviewed, from least to most aggressive (in terms of effort to implement). The full range of options identified by the consultant will be studied by SPU Solid Waste and will eliminate many over the next few months before making recommendations for action.
- Also reviewed congestion reduction strategies also suggested by the consultant.
- Dick requested suggestions on the summary be sent to him as soon as possible or by May 1st.

10. Annual Report Review -- Briefing

- Vicky Beaumont again reviewed time line for the annual report to be worked on, and requested a strategy for SWAC review
 - First draft must be ready between meetings
 - · First draft will follow last year's format
 - Second draft will be more detailed, requiring "finer" review and input at later meeting
 - Eric Johnson, Jonathan Rivin, Nicole Riss and Rita Smith volunteered to review first draft via email; if pivotable items require more immediate attention, will call meeting, or conduct conference call
 - Must have guick turnaround within one week of receipt

Wrap Up:

Action Items:

Send comments on Self Haul Trip Reduction Study to Dick by Friday, 5/1/09

Preliminary Agenda for Next Meeting

Chair

- Approve meeting minutes for April, 2009
- Aurora Mendoza recruitment strategies discussion

6:55 PM Meeting adjourned.