

Solid Waste Advisory Group Meeting Summary

DATE: May 25, 2016

LOCATION: Solid Waste Administration Training Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Hillsborough Commissioner Mark Bell, UNC-Chapel Hill Representative Matt Fajack, Carrboro Alderman Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Chapel Hill Mayor Pam Hemminger, UNC-Healthcare Representative Mel Hurston, Orange County Commissioner Barry Jacobs, Carrboro Mayor Lydia Lavelle, Hillsborough Commissioner Brian Lowen, Chapel Hill Councilmember Michael Parker, Orange County Commissioner Penny Rich

STAFF PRESENT: OC Chief Financial Officer Gary Donaldson, Carrboro Public Works Director JD Freeman, 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, Chapel Hill Solid Waste Services Manager 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, OC Solid Waste Cheryl Young

Call to Order

Meeting Summary approval

- March 30, 2016 Meeting Summary approved

Fiscal 2016/17 Solid Waste Management Budget/Solid Waste Programs Fee Recommendation

- Hammersley recommends maintaining current \$107 Solid Waste Fee for FY16/17
- SCS Engineers have been hired to assist with long range financial plans, update planned for August
- Jacobs asks if next meeting should be scheduled for when report is complete, Hammersley agrees

Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Financial Planning Interim Report-SCS Engineers

- Hurston asks what items stand out for Orange County? High level of service examples include: food waste collection, weekly (urban) curbside collection (rather than biweekly), rural (biweekly) curbside expansion
- The absence of a revenue generator (landfill/transfer station) is a handicap. Will be included in considerations for end report
- Jacobs suggests including the costs associated with the SWAG priorities list in final report

Habitat for Humanity ReStore (presentation by Alex Nickodem)

- The ReStore kept 875 tons of waste out of landfills from Durham and Orange Counties last year
- Since January, 216 mattresses have been sanitized
- Three homes were funded in Orange County last year (and three in Durham) from store sales
- Please contact Alex Nickodem about any upcoming business closings or renovations so he can investigate harvesting materials
- Wilson suggests contacting Jeff Scouten, OC Solid Waste, about deconstruction opportunities

Pending Matters

- Third Quarter FY 2015/16 Solid Waste Program Data Report
 - Rural cart (not bin) participation and set-out data will begin to be captured in July

- Status of Rural Curbside Expansion
 - 4,000 carts ordered
 - 90% of homes on current rural curbside service area will be re-routed
- Status of Eubanks Road Waste & Recycling Facilities Improvements
 - Interim site will be on Millhouse Rd, CH, with limited services
 - Lavelle suggests contacting public buses and schools about lane closures
 - Jacobs requests site plan shared with BOCC and SWAG
- Shred-a-thon Results
 - Jointly sponsored/staffed by Orange County, Town of Chapel Hill, UNC-CH sorority, and Planet Fitness. Largest turn out ever recorded. Over 27 tons paper recovered
- Mattress Disposal
 - Mattress management report to be brought to BOCC in June, after Manager approval

Other

- Neville Tract
 - 14-acre property purchased in 1994/95 to provide cover soil for landfill operation
 - Has been used during Hurricane Fran for storm debris management

Public Comment-None

Next Meeting- Next meeting date to be surveyed in August

Meeting adjourned at: 7:50pm

Name of Minute Taker: Jennie Knowlton