

## Solid Waste Advisory Group Meeting Summary

DATE: February 13, 2015

LOCATION: Solid Waste Administration Training Room

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MEMBERS PRESENT: UNC-Chapel Hill Representative Matt Fajack, Hillsborough Commissioner Kathleen Ferguson, Carrboro Alderman Randee Haven-O'Donnell, UNC-Healthcare Representative Mel Hurston, Orange County Commissioner-Chair Barry Jacobs, Chapel Hill Mayor Mark Kleinschmidt, Carrboro Mayor Lydia Lavelle, Orange County Commissioner Penny Rich,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Hillsborough Commissioner Brian Lowen, Chapel Hill Councilmember Jim Ward

STAFF PRESENT: OC Solid Waste Eric Gerringer, County Manager Bonnie Hammersley, Hillsborough Public Works Director Ken Hines, OC Solid Waste Jennie Knowlton, 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, Assistant County Manager Cheryl Young

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### Meeting Summary approval

- January 29, 2015 Meeting Summary approved.

### UNC-CH and UNC-Healthcare Meeting with County Staff

- Meeting scheduled for February 23, 2015, 10am at SW Administration Building, between Orange County, UNC-CH and UNC-Healthcare. Discuss potential for cooperation and collaboration for solid waste issues, beginning with recycling. Town staffs are invited to attend
- Update on discussion for March 6, 2015 SWAG meeting

### Future of Solid Waste Advisory Group

- Previous group, SWAB, was created as part of the Interlocal Agreement. Provided an on-going advisory function, consisted of resident representatives and elected officials. The four jurisdictions nominated two representatives each. UNC-CH was not a formal member of Interlocal Agreement, but maintained a liaison throughout. Dissolved in conjunction with the landfill closing
  - Included some solid waste professionals
  - Examined solid waste technologies
  - Communication with jurisdiction boards may not have been consistent
  - George Seiz requests clarity on staff role for future group
- Need for New Waste Reduction Goal
  - Should a goal of zero waste be considered, with achievable increments
  - 61% goal was achieved by taking opportunities as markets developed, with a measured and practical approach. Had few failures, as was careful in advancing forward, lessened public confusion
  - Rigorous enforcement was possible with County management of landfill. Could exert future control with county-wide transfer station

- Wilson suggests having staff review list of issues, evaluate and generate additional issues, present master list of items that will make the greatest stride to waste reduction. SWAG can then recommend priorities for the SWAG and/or a citizens group
- Kleinschmidt suggests a facilitated citizens-group to assist in identifying, prioritizing, and crafting a process for solid waste issues
- Jacobs invites staff to join the SWAG discussion on issues and priorities, possibly starting at next meeting. SWAG will continue until at least the end of fiscal year. Would like to invite OWASA to join conversations, including bio-solids. UNC-University and UNC-Healthcare are invited to the Joint Meeting of Governments

Other

- Next Meeting Topics-Decide on Solid Waste Program Fee, report on possible collaboration with UNC-University and UNC-Healthcare, discuss future SWAG structure and presentation for March 26<sup>th</sup> Joint Meeting of the Governments (7pm Southern Human Services Center, Chapel Hill)

Public Comments-none

Meeting adjourned at: 7:40pm

Name of Minute Taker: Jennie Knowlton