

Approved March 27, 2019

Solid Waste Advisory Group Meeting Summary

DATE: October 29, 2018

LOCATION: Solid Waste Administration Training Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: County Commissioner Barry Jacobs, County Commissioner Mark Marcoplos, Chapel Hill Mayor Pam Hemminger, Chapel Hill Council Member Donna Bell, Carrboro Mayor Lydia Lavelle, Hillsborough Commissioner Matt Hughes

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carrboro Alderman Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Hillsborough Commissioner Mark Bell, UNC-Healthcare Representative Mel Hurston, UNC-Chapel Hill Representative Brad Ives

STAFF PRESENT: County Solid Waste Director, Robert Williams, County Manager Bonnie Hammersley, Chapel Hill Public Works Director Lance Norris, Hillsborough Public Works Director Ken Hines, Carrboro Public Works Director Joe Guckavan, County Solid Waste: Staff Bruce Woody, Cheryl Young, Allison Lohrenz, Wanda McCain, Chapel Hill Public Works Staff Wendy Simmons, UNC-Chapel Hill Solid Waste BJ Tipton

Call to Order

Approval of Meeting Summary

August 15, 2018 meeting summary approved

Director Updates/Information

Single-use Plastics Proclamation - The single use proclamation has been approved by the County and Towns as well as "Skip the Straw" event for March 2019.

Eubanks Waste & Recycling Center Lighting - Duke Energy is unable to turn down the lighting at the Eubanks Waste Recycling center. They have not approved the installation of smart light controls.

Petition for Commission for the Environment and SWAG Working Together - A representative will be invited to the next SWAG meeting to talk about any long-term joint recycling ventures.

Orange County & City of Durham Joint Venture - Orange County and the City of Durham have been looking into doing a joint venture with the recycling tons we both collect to possibly get a processor in Orange or Durham County.

Hemminger states after visiting a MRF and them stating there is no market for the plastics and they use the paper for themselves, why would anyone be interested in coming here.

Williams states that while the plastic market is down it hasn't always been that way, there is some value in plastics. We would save in transportation cost saves them in the long run. We are looking new technology and opportunities to expand source recycling.

Waste & Recycling Center Utilization -We will be looking at out procedures, speaking to citizens to see what their needs are.

Interlocal Agreement Recommended Updates

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Williams states that we have made the changes and clarifications to four areas suggested by SWAG. 1. UNC-Chapel Hill bringing their non-recyclable C&D waster material

Jacobs asks why it would be limited to non-recyclables; wouldn't we want their recyclables also. Are they party to the Recyclable Recovery Ordinance? The Towns have adopted it. Have we asked the University to do that?

2. Establishing a recycling center in each jurisdiction

3. Process flow

Jacobs asks if the assumption is that UNC-Chapel Hill and UNC Health will not be part of this agreement. Is it irrelevant as long as they cooperate?

All the changes accurately reflect the sentiment of the group.

Interlocal agreement approved with changes.

Mobile Home Disposal Discussion

Williams states that we are not able to handle the removal of mobile homes.

Marcoplos asks if the County has the equipment to do that if offered.

Williams replies no.

Hemminger sates that the new owner of a mobile home park should be held responsible for getting that done instead of the County or Towns.

Informational Reports

Waste Diversion from Local Fest Pollock states that of the 1,262 pounds of materials discarded by an estimated 1,700 attendees, staff, vendors and volunteers, only 25 pounds of solid waste were bound for landfill. The other 1,237 pounds of material generated were recycled, composted or reused.

Next Meeting

Doodle poll. Jacobs suggests that the goals are revisited and to choose a new chair.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:00pm
Name of Minute Taker Wanda McCain