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Solid Waste Advisory Group Meeting Summary

DATE: June 4, 2018

LOCATION: Solid Waste Administration Training Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: County Commissioner Barry Jacobs, County Commissioner Mark Marcoplos, Chapel Hill Council Member Donna Bell, Carrboro Mayor Lydia Lavelle, Carrboro Alderman Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Hillsborough Commissioner Matt Hughes, UNC-Healthcare Representative Mel Hurston,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chapel Hill Mayor Pam Hemminger Hillsborough Commissioner Mark Bell, UNC-Chapel Hill Representative Brad Ives

STAFF PRESENT: County Solid Waste Director, Robert Williams, County Chief Finance Officer Gary Donaldson, Chapel Hill Public Works Director Lance Norris, Hillsborough Public Works Director Ken Hines, Carrboro Public Works Director Joe Guckavan, County Solid Waste Staff: Kevin Lindley, Cheryl Young, Allison Lohrenz, Muriel Williman, Kristina Witosky, Blair Pollock, Wanda McCain, Chapel Hill Public Works Staff Wendy Simmons, UNC-Chapel Hill Solid Waste BJ Tipton

Call to Order
Introductions

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SCS Engineers, PC – Presentation Bob Dick

- Jacobs states that we have repeatedly heard that 60% of the waste is generated by Carrboro and Chapel Hill and it didn't add up in your numbers without including the businesses.
- Dick states that the County's waste is 25%. The 60% could be slightly inflated. I'll check in to that.
- Jacobs states that food waste has bumped up to a higher level of priority and we anticipate that it would be part of the next generation of solid waste collection and processing.
- Dick states that in the initial needs assessment there was the idea that the facility involved composting. When we starting looking at an economic feasibility and conceptual design we felt that was too vague to do that level of analysis to tackle on the same parcel. It was omitted so that we wouldn't get bogged down.
- Jacobs states that we might want to think about using some of this data to prioritize things we would like to do next.
- Lavelle asks why the Durham transfer stations closed.
- Dick states like a lot of infrastructure facilities they do have life expectancies.

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AGR, LLC – Abby Goldsmith - Solid Waste Plan Presentation

- Bell states that there have been a lot of conversations around goals but how much of a conversation has been around values. Goals and values are two separate things.
- Jacobs states that goals and values were intertwined about three years ago. There is no reason we couldn't tease them out so that they are separate.
- Jacobs asks if there is range of cost for the facility envisioned.
- Dick states that the needs assessment had been \$5.3million after the preliminary economic feasibility study and the conceptual design it went up to \$6.6 with a 10% contingency on top of that which is about \$7.6 million.

Budget Update – Gary Donaldson

- Donaldson states that a change for the FY18-19 budget includes the Renewal and Replacement fund which excludes capital such as loan proceeds and capital expenditures from the operating budget. The other change is that the general fund contribution has been reduced to \$500,000. The solid waste budget was balanced without any use of reserves.
- Hughes asks what part of personnel are benefits.
- Donaldson states that benefits are about 15% of personnel.

Public comment – None

Next meeting –

- Jacobs states that there will be a poll for the next meeting date in 90 days. This will give time for a draft plan to be prepared.
- Robert states the staff will prepare a draft plan to hire a consulting firm to move forward with the solid waste plan.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:03pm

Name of Minute Taker : Wanda McCain