

## Solid Waste Advisory Group Meeting Summary

DATE: September 16, 2016

LOCATION: Solid Waste Administration Training Room

---

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chapel Hill Mayor Pam Hemminger

STAFF PRESENT: OC Solid Waste Gordon Dively, OC Chief Financial Officer Gary Donaldson, OC Solid Waste Alex Gottschalk, County Manager Bonnie Hammersley, Hillsborough Public Works Director Ken Hines, OC Solid Waste Jennie Knowlton, OC Solid Waste Allison Lohrenz, Chapel Hill Public Works Director Lance Norris, OC Solid Waste Blair Pollock, Chapel Hill Solid Waste Wendy Simmons, , UNC-CH Solid Waste Program Manager BJ Tipton, OC Solid Waste Management Director Gayle Wilson, OC Solid Waste Cheryl Young

---

### Call to Order

- Introductions

- 
- 

Gordon Dively, new OC Solid Waste Operations Manager  
Allison Lohrenz, new OC Solid Waste Recycling Programs Manager

### Meeting Summary approval

- May 25, 2016 Meeting Summary approved

Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Financial Planning Final Report-Bob Dick, Project Manager and Ryan Duckett, Staff Engineer- SCS Engineers

- Donaldson states that report will be updated with recent revisions
- SCS Engineers present that the current financial structure is unsustainable
- Orange County has a premier, model program and SCS Engineers were unable to identify any obvious inefficiencies that would not correlate to a reduction in services.
  - Jacobs requests analyzing services provided from Solid Waste Fees in Durham and Chatham counties, also, counties that have a similar waste reduction rate
  - Lavelle asks when final report, with revisions, will be finished. Bob Dick suggests two weeks
  - Jacobs asks if Solid Waste Capital could be included in current Impact Fee Authority

### County Mattress Disposal Program – Gayle Wilson

- Wilson provided a summary of recent mattress disposal program improvement options
- Jacobs suggests using a collection lock-box for collecting the mattress drop-off fee
- Jacobs suggests investigating the use of Orange Correctional inmates to handle mattress collection at Waste and Recycling Centers, insuring that they were paid a living wage

Pending Matters

- SWAG Priorities Update
  - Wilson suggests assigning Town Public Works and Solid Waste Directors with establishing a plan for development of Local Waste Disposal Facility
    - Staff notes that \$100,000 has been budgeted in FY 2016/17 for transfer station planning
  - Jacobs requests that costs are assigned to Priorities List and Agenda Items added in the future
  - Rich requests adding Alternative Waste Disposal Methods as Priority XIV
  
- County Waste Reduction Goal Setting
  - 61% Waste Reduction has been achieved, new goal is needed
  - Jacobs requests the staff discuss what goal would be reasonable, both overall and incrementally, before AOG

Updates/Status Reports

- Fourth Quarter FY 2015/16 Solid Waste Program Data Report
  - Data collection will be refined. RFID tags and readers efficiency will be improved
- Status of Rural Curbside Expansion
  - Cart delivery was completed in August
  - Collection schedule for approximately 700 residents in Urban area have changed
- Status of Eubanks Road Waste & Recycling Facilities Improvements
  - Bids are due next month
  - \$3.17 million is the budget, including moving the scales
- Update on Carrboro Farmers Market Food Waste Collection
  - Lavelle requests statistics emailed to Carrboro staff
- UNC/County Solid Waste Collaboration Report
  - Report is going through internal review, some potential for future collaboration is possible
- Update on Storm Debris Management Site Search
  - The possible site on Mincey Road currently has constraining conservation easement. Request had been made for agreement to be formally amended so that in a declared emergency, area can be used as a temporary emergency storm debris site
- Waste Composition Study Update
  - Waste sorts scheduled for October 2016 and April 2017

Public Comment-None

Next Meeting- Next meeting date to be surveyed in September

- Will discuss how financial study should be presented at the AOG

Meeting adjourned at: 8:35pm

Name of Minute Taker: Jennie Knowlton