

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES 03/10/2010



Solid Waste Advisory Commission
Minutes

Regular Meeting
10 March, 2010

The Solid Waste Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on 10 March, 2010 at 1520 Rutherford Lane Austin, Texas.

Chair Gerry Acuna called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Gerry Acuna, Rick Cofer, J.D. Porter, Fayez Kazi, Brent Perdue, Bob Schafer, Maydelle Fason

Staff in Attendance:

Bob Gedert, Howard Lazarus, Annette Moreno, Tammie Williamson, Jessica King, Melissa Martinez, Brian Block, Donald Hardee, Amy Slagle, Vidal Maldonado, Sam Angoori, Byron Johnson, Tamara Kurtz

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Allison Orr with Forklift Danceworks announced that *The Trash Project* received the #1 Arts Event of 2009 from the Austin American Statesman. She also announced the possible release of the documentary at South-by-Southwest 2011.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the regular meeting of 02/10/10 were deferred until the April meeting.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Discussion – Recycling Ordinance Sub-Committee Update

Commissioner Cofer reported that the committee is still working on pieces of the ordinance and hope to be finished with a recommendation soon.

b. Discussion – Private Hauler License Fee Sub-Committee Update

The sub-committee will begin meeting on March 11, 2010.

c. Discussion and Action – Solid Waste Management District Sub-Committee Update

Resolution adopting the Solid Waste Management District Sub-Committee Recommendations was approved on a Commissioner JD Porter motion, Commissioner Rick Cofer second on a 4-0-0 vote count.

d. Discussion and Action – Climate Change and Zero Waste

Deferred to the April meeting

e. Discussion and Action – Greenstar Extension Amendment (Staff Presentation)

A Power Point presentation was given by Solid Waste Services Director Bob Gedert.

Resolutions adopting a recommendation for Council to not approve the Greenstar extension and to neither accept nor reject the contract modifications until there are no other options to be considered were approved on a Commissioner JD Porter motion, Commissioner Maydelle Fason second on a 5-0-2 vote count. Commissioners Gerry Acuna and Bob Schafer recused themselves from this item due to a conflict of interest.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion and Action – Consideration of a new RFP for a Short Term Contract for the Interim Processing of the City of Austin Recycling Materials

b. Discussion and Action – Definition and Explanation of the City of Austin's No-Contact Procedures

Items 4.a and 4.b were discussed together. Commissioners presented questions to City of Austin employees Byron Johnson, Tamara Kurtz, Howard Lazarus, and Bob Gedert. Because of the current Material Recovery Facility Request for Proposal (RFP) staff was limited on the items they could discuss.

Resolution adopting a recommendation for Council to have staff present other options for a short term recycling contract was approved on a Commissioner Rick Cofer motion, Commissioner JD Porter second on a 5-0-2 vote count. Commissioners Gerry Acuna and Bob Schafer recused themselves from this item due to a conflict of interest.

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

a. Discussion – Director's Report

Solid Waste Services Director Bob Gedert announced that beginning in April a Director's Report will be a part of the SWAC meeting. The agenda will also be itemized each month so the public is fully aware of what items will be presented.

b. Discussion – Audit on Composition of Materials Taken to Greenstar

A Power Point presentation on the SWS audit of materials taken to Greenstar, was given by Solid Waste Services Director Bob Gedert.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Ruling from the City Clerks Office regarding the proper way to present resolutions and to get items on the agenda, Director's Report, Waste Management Landfill Expansion, Climate and the Zero Waste Initiative, Haulers Sub-Committee, Recycling Ordinance Sub-Committee, Greenstar Update.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gerry Acuna adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m. without objection.