

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES 09/08/2010



Solid Waste Advisory Commission
Minutes

Regular Meeting
8 September, 2010

The Solid Waste Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on 8 September, 2010 at 301 West 2nd Street, Council Chambers Room in Austin, Texas.

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

Board Members in Attendance:

Gerry Acuna, Rick Cofer, Fayez Kazi, Bob Schafer, Maydelle Fason, Brent Perdue, Rahm McDaniel

Staff in Attendance:

Sam Angoori, Jessica King, Donald Hardee and Annette Moreno

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Robin Schneider of TCE spoke to 3 items:

- 1) Congratulations to those who worked on master plan meeting and attended
- 2) A second to JD Porter's suggestion to hold a meeting with the airport advisory to make ABIA a zero waste airport.
- 3) Report on the fiscal impact of plastic bags is being released at the end of the month; she would like to see a future agenda item discussing the report and possible actions.

2. APPROVAL OF JULY (REGULAR AND SPECIAL CALLED MEETINGS) AND AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

Minutes for the regular meeting of 07/14/10 were approved on Commissioner Maydelle Fason motion, Commissioner Bob Schafer second on a 5-0-2 vote. Commissioners Brent Perdue and Rahm McDaniel abstained.

Minutes for the special called meeting of 07/21/10 were approved on Commissioner Maydelle Fason motion, Commissioner Bob Schafer second on a 6-0-1 vote. Commissioner Rahm McDaniel abstained.

Minutes for the regular meeting of 08/11/10 were approved with the following amendments on Commissioner Brent Perdue motion, Commissioner Rahm McDaniel second on a 6-0-1 vote. Commissioner Maydelle Fason abstained. The amendments were to remove Maydelle Fason from the Board Members in Attendance at the 8/11/10 regular meeting.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Approve Revised Solid Waste Advisory Commission Bylaws**

There was some discussion concerning the process of editing the bylaws. Any edits to the bylaws must be submitted as a recommendation to the SWAC liaison. The bylaws were approved with the following amendments on Commissioner Bob Schafer motion, Commissioner Rahm McDaniel second on a 5-2-0 vote. Commissioner Rick Cofer and Commissioner Maydelle Fason opposed. The amendments were to change Article 7, Item D, the address and location of the meeting, should read as 301 West 2nd Street, Council Chambers Room in Austin, Texas.

b. **Membership of SWAC Sub-Committees**

Maydelle Fason is stepping down from the Hauler License Fee Sub-committee and the commission appointed Rahm McDaniel to serve in her stead. Rahm McDaniel was also appointed to serve on the, newly re-named, Universal Recycling Ordinance Sub-committee.

c. **Request an Austin Energy Presentation on the 2010- 2011 Austin Climate Protection Budget** - Austin Energy was not able present due to incorrect language in the request. Citizen Scott Johnson was allowed to speak to this topic. He inquired about vacant positions and asks that the commission take an active role in assessing the progress thus far and to advocate for vacant positions from the Austin Climate Protection Plan to be moved under the Chief Sustainability Officer. He also inquired about the departmental C02 reduction plan.

4. STAFF BRIEFINGS

a. **Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan Process** - Mark Walters with the City of Austin Planning and Development Review Department gave a presentation on the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan Process.

b. **Appliance Recycling Program (Austin Energy)** - Fred Yebra, Director of Energy Efficiency Services for Austin Energy reviewed the refrigerator recycling program. Steve Saenz the Program Manager of Energy Efficiency Services gave a power point presentation on the program and Appliance Recycling Center of America (ARCA).

Robin Schneider of TCE spoke to this item, and she would like to see the city lean towards producer responsibility.

Ryan Hobbs of TDS asked Mr. Saenz to elaborate on the logistics of collection and location of disposal. ARCA has a route schedule in place and the appliances are taken to California and other local locations. He also inquired to the contractual terms of the agreement and whether or not the department intends to put out a bid for that contract. The Commission asked that he meet with Austin Energy.

c. **Update on the Recycling Ordinance; Phase I and Phase II** - Jessica King gave an update on the status of the Recycling Ordinance. Phase 1: the ordinance language is scheduled to be presented at council on September 30th. Phase 2: restaurant and retailers may request a time extension to present recommendations, Ms. King recommended holding a sub-committee meeting hearing status updates from the stakeholders.

- d. **Update on the Integrated Solid Waste Master Plan Public Meeting** - Jessica King introduced Shirley Nichols who gave an update on the Integrated Solid Waste Master Plan Public Meeting that occurred on August 31st. The next public meeting is scheduled for November and the draft report is on track to be presented in March 2011.
- e. **Director's Monthly Report** - Bob Gedert, director of Solid Waste Services, gave his monthly report.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Plastic Bags Report, Bylaw resolution and/or Sub-Committee appointment, would like Chief Sustainability Officer to attend a meeting, Austin Energy Presentation on the Budget, visit from the City of San Antonio Recycling Department Greenstar presentation, SWS CO2 reduction plan, HHW coordinate with Lee Leffingwell, Hornsby Bend Master Plan Update, Hauler license fee resolution and update

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gerry Acuna adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m. without objection.