

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES 03/16/2011



Solid Waste Advisory Commission
Minutes

Regular Meeting
16 March, 2011

The Solid Waste Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on 16 March, 2011 at 301 West 2nd Street, Council Chambers Room in Austin, Texas.

Chair Gerry Acuna called the Commission Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Gerry Acuna, Rick Cofer, Faye Kazi, Brent Perdue, Rahm McDaniel

Staff in Attendance:

Annette Moreno, Jessica King, Sam Angoori, Bob Gedert, Howard Lazarus, Tammie Williamson, Phillip Tindall, Ron Romero, Richard McHale, Shirley Gillespie, Robert Rowan, Gabriella Powers, Glenn O'Reilly, Roshanda Smiley, Donald Hardee, Melissa Prescott, Cheryl Wadley, Sharon Callis

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION – No Speakers

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the regular meeting of 02/09/11 were approved on a Commissioner Rahm McDaniel motion, Commissioner Rick Cofer second on a 6-0-0 vote.

3. OLD BUSINESS

Review SWAC 2010 Goals and Develop SWAC 2011 Goals – A motion to adopt the 2011 Work Plan to include the following items: SWS Master Plan, Zero Waste Strategic Plan Implementation, Composting Program, Commercial/Multi Family Reform/Recycling Ordinance, COA Material Recovery Facility/Single Stream Recycling, Northeast Landfills, Revised Hauler Fee Ordinance, Green Building/C & D Recycling, Conversion Technologies, Electronic Waste and Recycling, and Development of an Airport Recycling Program; was approved on a Commissioner Rick Cofer motion, Commissioner Faye Kazi second on a 6-0-0 vote.

4. NEW BUSINESS

SWAC Bylaws: Recommendations from Bylaw Committee – the Commission asked SWS staff if they could propose language that will add Code Compliance to the SWAC bylaws and purview. Item was tabled to a future meeting.

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Long Term Recycling Contract Power Point Presentation – Commission Chair Gerry Acuna recused himself from this item due to a conflict of interest, and left

the dais. Citizen JD Porter was allowed to speak on the item. A presentation was made by SWS Director, Bob Gedert. Mr. Gedert answered commissioner questions and agreed to bring the item back to the commission at their next meeting.

- b. Downtown Services Contract – A presentation was made by SWS staff, followed by a question and answer session. Adam Gregory with Texas Disposal Systems was allowed to speak on the item. A motion to approve the RCA was approved on a Commissioner Rick Cofer motion, Commissioner Faye Kazi second on a 5-0-1 vote. Commissioner Rahm McDaniel abstained.
- c. Department Director's Report
Telephone Books Opt-Out Options, Update on Todd Lane Facility, Event Recycling Rebate Program, Master Plan Update, Trash Project Update, Date-to-go-Zero Update, Star Employees, Annual Report and Performance Measures

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Meeting for April was moved from April 13th to April 6th. Agenda items proposed are the Long-Term Recycling Contract, Director's Report with an update on South by Southwest, SWS Master Plan and an invitation to Lucia Athens to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gerry Acuna adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m. without objection.



To: Solid Waste Advisory Commission

From: Bob Gedert, Director, Solid Waste Services Department

Date: April 13, 2011

Subject: Director's Report

Performance Measures

See attached

Master Plan Update

The SWS staff and HDR consultants jointly presented the current draft of the SWS Zero Waste Services Plan on March 30th at a public meeting. Nearly 100 citizens attended and participated in the open comment period. Many substantial comments and program addition suggestions were received. The Department will revise the Plan accordingly. Future public input sessions are being planned for the Spring and Summer, with the goal of presenting the Master Plan to SWAC and City Council in July.

Star Employees

Isaac Bell was selected as a 2011 EIA Driver of the Year Finalist, a national completion for trash driver/operator career and driving excellence. Isaac has been a City of Austin employee since 1976 and has been part of our department's evolution from the Public Works Department focusing on sanitation and sewers to the Solid Waste Services Department focusing on our new goal of Zero Waste. With over 34 years of service, Isaac has never been involved in a safety infraction.

Tom Coleman was also selected as a 2011 EIA Driver of the Year Finalist. Tom has been a city employee since 1996. During his 15 years of service, Tom has received the Safety Achievement Award in 2010 for his dedication and commitment to providing a safe working environment.

City Department Partnerships

As Solid Waste Services Director, I have had meetings with numerous Department Directors to discuss the potential integration of the *Zero Waste Services Plan* within various City departments, and to engage in collaborative future planning. Opportunities for partnerships were identified and will be explored.

All City Departments

- Increase Visibility of Office Recycling
- Eco-Green Purchasing Options
- Recycling services to all Government facilities

Austin Convention Center

- Visitor and Operations Recycling Opportunities
- Facility Food Vendors / Organics Composting Pilot
- Eco-Green Exhibit Center with Zero Waste Displays

Austin Energy

- Solar Farm at FM 812 Landfill
- Co-op on School Education

Austin Water

- Hornsby-Bend Composting Facility
- Adding Food Scrap Organics (future)
- Co-op on School Education

Aviation Department

- Terminal and Operations Recycling Opportunities
- Facility Food Vendors / Organics Composting Pilot (future)
- In-Flight Recycling Service for Airlines
- Brush, Cardboard, Concrete, Metals
- Lamp and Battery Recycling
- 2010 Aviation Department diversion = 342,000 tons

Communications and Technology Management

- Electronics Recycling
- Duplex Copiers – Green Purchasing

Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services

- Locating Resource Consumption Small Businesses
- By-Product Synergies – waste pairings
- Support incentives to draw recycling re-processors
- Eco-Business Park & Eco-Industrial Park

Fire Department

- Battery Take-back / Recycling (bi-annual smoke alarm battery changeovers)

Fleet Services

- Fleet Operations Recycling & Vehicle Fluids Recycling
- Green Fuel Options (Compressed Natural Gas, E-85 fuel, Hybrids, Electrics)
- Eco-Green Purchasing Options
- Fueling Center / Heavy Fleet Repairs (co-locate facilities)

Health Department

- Food Organic Collection/Storage Standards
- Food-Grade Oils Collection/Recycling
- Restaurant Grease Reclamation

Law Office

- support on policies and ordinances

Library Department

- Visitor & Facility Recycling Opportunities
- “Recycled Reads” Branch – sale of “expired” books
- Public Education platform

Neighborhood Housing & Community Development

- Public Education of Client Base
- Recycling Opportunities at Multifamily Facilities

Police Department

- Pharmaceutical Take-backs

Public Works Department

- Operations Recycling – Metals and Inert Materials
- Glass Recycling Pilots – Sidewalk, curbs and road bed substitutes for aggregate and other uses
- Tire Rubber Recycling Pilots – Asphalt & road bed substitutes for aggregate

Parks & Recreation Department

- Visitor and Operations Recycling Opportunities
- Green Event Recycling/Composting Services
- Nature Center - Eco-Green Center with Zero Waste Displays
- Co-op on School Education – Curriculum Based – Expanded School Program
- Christmas Tree Recycling
- Mulch use and distribution
- Community Gardens & Pilot Organic Composting
- Use of Recycled Materials in PARD Construction Projects
- Glass recycling in sidewalks and concrete surfaces (sparkles with light reflection)
- Artist in Residence Program – Recycled Art Projects
- Summer Camps – Education and Recycled Art Projects
- New Policy (FY '12) – Tobacco Free Parks – to reduce cigarette litter
- “Totally Cool – Totally Art” project with teens

Planning & Development Review Department

- Green Building Standards – reduced waste generation
- Construction and Demolition Debris Ordinance – Permitting Implementation

Transportation Department

- Green Purchasing – Recycled Content Road Construction Safety Equipment/Signage

Watershed Protection

- Litter Prevention - co-op public education with Solid Waste Services
- Eco-Green Messaging to Public
- Earth Camp – Children education
- Green Neighbor Program – kids game

Solid Waste Services Curbside Collection and HHW Operations

*Jan 2011 recycling tons updated from 4,587 to 4,598

	FY 2008	FY 2009	Jan 2010	Feb 2010	FY10 YTD (Oct '09 to Feb '10)	FY 2010	Jan 2011	Feb 2011	FY11 YTD (Oct '10 to Feb '11)
Tons Disposed									
Tons of curbside Garbage	143,950	128,519	10,662	9,394	52,694	130,851	10,442	9,489	51,407
Tons of Curbside Bulk Disposed	7,589	8,033	529	555	2,802	7,516	470	574	2,647
HHW Operations Tons Disposed	402	341	30.55	22.55	135.78	390	28	23	133
Total Disposed Tons Collected Curbside and from HHW Operations	151,941	136,893	11,222	9,972	55,632	138,757	10,940	10,086	54,187
Tons Diverted									
Tons of curbside recycling	34,691	49,811	4,543	3,816	21,853	52,479	4,598	3,924	22,019
HHW Operations Tons recycled/reused	118	114	14.04	6.77	42	132	11	8	62
Tons of Curbside Yard Trimmings	24,027	19,497	1,617	940	6,748	22,456	1,849	1,877	8,923
Tons of Curbside Bulk Recycled	203	187	17	13	82	194	38	17	108
Tons of Curbside Brush Collected	7,380	7,683	331	457	2,431	7,350	352	494	2,734
Total Diverted Tons Collected Curbside and from HHW Operations	66,419	77,292	6,522	5,233	31,156	82,611	6,848	6,320	33,846
Total Tons Collected Curbside and from HHW Operations	218,360	214,185	17,744	15,204	86,788	221,368	17,788	16,407	88,034
Percent of Waste Stream Diverted by SWS Curbside and HHW Operations	30.42%	36.09%	36.76%	34.42%	35.90%	37.32%	38.50%	38.52%	38.45%
Pounds of Garbage collected per customer per pickup	32.14	27.90	27.49	24.22	n/a	27.99	26.57	24.12	n/a
Number of Garbage customers	172,287	177,156	179,125	179,171	n/a	179,788	181,492	181,684	n/a
Pounds of Recycled materials collected per customer per pickup (every other week)	15.56	21.61	23.59	19.81	n/a	22.61	23.57	20.09	n/a
Pounds of Yard Trimmings collected per customer per week	5.39	4.23	4.20	2.44	n/a	4.84	4.74	4.81	n/a
Number of Recycling and Yard Trimmings customers	171,446	177,267	177,913	177,965	n/a	178,574	180,220	180,429	n/a
Total tons of Dead Animals Collected from COA rights-of-way and the animal shelter	158	153	10	10	64	142	8	6	42

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