

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES 08/10/2011



Solid Waste Advisory Commission
Minutes

Regular Meeting
10 August, 2011

The Solid Waste Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on 10 August, 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, and Rahm McDaniel

Staff in Attendance:

Bob Gedert, Roshanda Smiley, Donald Hardee, Richard McHale, Frank Milam, Sue Cooper, Blanche Quarterman, Robert Rowan, Cherilyn Wadley, Amy Slagle Sharon Callis, and Gretchen Kingham

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Scott Johnson – Citizen. Mr. Johnson expressed his excitement about the upcoming roll-out of 21 gallon carts as well as his desire for Solid Waste Services to promote the carts.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the regular meeting of July 13, 2011 were approved on a Commissioner Rick Cofer motion, Commissioner Faye Kazi second on a 4-0-3 vote. Commissioner Rahm McDaniel abstained. Commissioners Maydelle Fason and Bob Schafer were absent from the meeting.

3. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion and Action - FY 2012 Budget

Item was deferred to the September 14, 2011 SWAC meeting on a Commissioner Rick Cofer motion, Commissioner Faye Kazi second on a 5-0-2 vote. Commissioners Maydelle Fason and Bob Schafer were absent from the meeting.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and Action - Single Use Bags

Citizen Stacy Guidry, Texas Campaign for the Environment, was allowed to speak on this item. Ms. Guidry proposed two friendly amendments to draft Resolution 20110804-021 proposed by City.

Draft Resolution 20110804-021 proposed by City Council on Thursday, August 4, 2011 was approved with the following amendments on a Commissioner Rick Cofer motion, Commissioner Brent Perdue second on a 4-0-2 vote. Commissioners Maydelle Fason and Bob Schafer were absent from the meeting. The amendment was: paragraph eight, deleted the word "plastic" from "...comprehensive phase-out of single-use plastic bags offered at retail check-outs within the city limits of Austin."

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

Director Bob Gedert asked that Staff Briefing items be reordered as follows: The Trash Project Encore Performances, Master Plan PowerPoint, and Director's Report.

- a. Discussion - The Trash Project Encore Performances
Allison Orr, Forklift Dance Works, spoke about the August 27-28, 2011 Trash Project Performances.
- b. Discussion - Master Plan PowerPoint
SWS Director Bob Gedert presented an updated overview of the Solid Waste Service Master Plan.
- c. Discussion - Director's Report
SWS Director Bob Gedert presented a report on the following items: Master Plan Update, Trash Dance - Part 2, Scheduled Future Council Items, 21gal Carts, National Recycling Coalition Update, New Employees, and Performance Measures

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

FY 2012 Budget
Single Use Bags Update
Master Plan

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gerry Acuna adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m. without objection.