

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES 10/05/2011



Solid Waste Advisory Commission
Minutes

Regular Meeting
05 October, 2011

The Solid Waste Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on 05 October, 2011 at 301 West 2nd Street, Room 1029 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, Maydelle Fason, Fayez Kazi, Bob Schafer, Brent Perdue, and Jeff Paine

Staff in Attendance:

Bob Gedert, Tammie Williamson, Jessica King, Blanche Quarterman, Robert Rowan, Phil Tindall, Keith Murray, Ron Romero, and Gretchen Kingham

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

No citizens spoke during the opportunity for citizen's communication.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the regular meeting of September 14, 2011 were approved on a Commissioner Rick Cofer motion, Commissioner Maydelle Fason second on a 6-0-1 vote. Commissioner Jeff Paine abstained.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion and Action – Election of Officers

The overruling of the term limit provision for Chair was approved a Commissioner Maydelle Fason motion, Commissioner Bob Schafer second on a 6-0-1 vote. Commissioner Gerry Acuna abstained.

Mr. Gerry Acuna was elected as Chair of the Solid Waste Services Advisory Commission Commissioner Maydelle Fason motion, Commissioner Jeff Paine second on a 6-0-1 vote. Commissioner Gerry Acuna abstained.

The overruling of the term limit provision was approved a Commissioner Maydelle Fason motion, Commissioner Bob Schafer second on a 6-0-1 vote. Commissioner Rick Cofer abstained.

Mr. Rick Cofer was elected as Co Chair of the Solid Waste Services Advisory Commission Commissioner Maydelle Fason motion, Commissioner Gerry Acuna second on a 6-0-1 vote. Commissioner Rick Cofer abstained.

b. Discussion - Renaming Commission

The Solid Waste Service Commission discussed renaming SWAC in order to better support the Zero Waste goals of the City of Austin. Two suggestions were noted: Austin Resource Recovery Advisory Commission (ARRAC) and Zero Waste Advisory Commission (ZWAC).

4. STAFF BRIEFINGS

a. Discussion and Action - Master Plan

Citizen Adam Gregory, Texas Disposal Services (TDS) was allowed to speak on the item. Citizen Gregory asked the commission to delay the approval of the Master Plan to a future date.

The commission discussed the Master Plan time line and a special meeting was called for Wednesday, October 19, 2011 to finalize the Master Plan on a Commissioner Rick Cofer motion, Commissioner Jeff Paine second on a 6-1-0 vote. Commissioner Brent Perdue opposed.

b. Discussion - Director's Report

Director Bob Gedert spoke about Single Use Bag Ordinance Update, Master Plan Timeline, Council Items, Professional Service Agreements, Silver Quill Awards, New Employees, and Performance Measures.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Single Use Bags Update

Hauler License – November

Brownsfield - November

Colorado Study - November

Imagine Austin Solid Waste Advisory Commission Briefing - November

Thank You Resolutions

ADJOURNMENT

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