

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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Solid Waste Advisory Commission
Minutes

Special Meeting
05 October, 2011

The Solid Waste Advisory Commission convened in a special meeting on 19 October, 2011 at 505 Barton Springs Road, Room 325 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, Maydelle Fason, Fayez Kazi, Brent Perdue, and Jeff Paine

Staff in Attendance:

Bob Gedert, Sam Angoori, Roshanda Smiley, Jessica King, Richard McHale, Donald Hardee, Frank Milam, and Gretchen Kingham

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

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

2. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion and Action - Master Plan

Citizen Ron Torrey, Captain Hook, spoke on the item. Citizen Torrey asked Commissioners to review language specific to the hauler ordinance.

Citizen Adam Gregory, Texas Disposal Services (TDS, spoke on the item. Citizen Gregory asked Commissioners to review several areas of the Master plan.

Citizen Robin Schneider, Texas Campaign for the Environment, spoke on the item. Citizen Schneider asked Commissioners to review areas that addressed environment impact of the Master plan.

Director Bob Gedert addressed Citizens concerns and proposed the following revisions:

- The Department will revise language to clarify that private sector rates and services will be voluntarily provided by the private sector and that the Department will only share information that is supplied voluntarily by each service provider.
- Language referencing private sector pricing strategies (page 230) was removed.
- The Department will replace the Eco-Depot nameplate of the reuse centers to "Reuse Austin".
- The Department will utilize "21 times" throughout the document to indicate how much more powerful landfill methane is than carbon dioxide".
- The Department accepts the insertion of the following statement to add clarity: "The Department will work with stakeholders through a public process to establish a diversion reporting format that supports the needs of the Universal Recycling and Composting Ordinance."

The commission approved the Master Plan with above listed revisions on a Commissioner Brent Perdue motion, Commissioner Rick Cofer second on a 6-0-0 vote. Commissioner Bob Schafer was not in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gerry Acuna adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m. without objection.