

MEETING MINUTES: City of Philadelphia Solid Waste & Recycling Advisory Committee (SWRAC)

DATE: July 23, 2015

ATTENDEES:

SWRAC Members Present

Phil Bresee, Streets Department/Recycling Office
Jack Embick, Environmental Law
Michelle Feldman, Keep Philadelphia Beautiful
Paul Kohl, Philadelphia Water Department
Chuck Raudenbush, Waste Management
Fern Gookin, Revolution Recovery
Michael Roles, Clean Water Action
Sal Iadonisi, U.S. Recycling
Maurice M. Sampson II, Niche Recycling
Vivian Van Story, Community Land Trust Corp.

SWRAC Members Absent

Bob Anderson, ReCommunity Recycling
Katherine Gajewski, Mayor's Office of Sustainability
Dan Garafolo, University of Pennsylvania
Charles Raudenbush, Waste Management
Debbie Zimmer, Dow Chemical

Others Present

Megan Garner, School District of Philadelphia
Abby Rambo, South of South Neighborhood Association
Katie Bartollata, Penn Future
Laura Cassidy, Philadelphia Prison System
Mike Giuranna, US EPA Region III
Kemrey Heinold, Rehrig Pacific Company
Mathew Braden, Councilman O'Brien's Office
Samantha Wittchen, iSpring Consulting
Tamika Davis, Philadelphia International Airport
Benjamin Cromie, Philadelphia International Airport
Danielle Bower, Philadelphia International Airport

City Staff/Consultants

Scott McGrath, Director of Environmental Services, Streets Dept.
Jim Osborn, Alternative Resources, Inc.
Jason Rossano, LevLane Advertising
Eric Spector, LevLane Advertising
Allison Sands, Recyclebank/Recycling Office

Call to order/introductions:

The meeting was called to order by the co-chairs at approximately 1:40 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Action on outstanding meeting minutes was deferred.

Old Business:

Phil Bresee provided updates on legislative items in front of City Council. They include:

- **Bill No. 150610 - Food Waste Disposers (Councilman O'Brien)**. Bill would affect changes to building code to require food waste disposers in all new housing units. **Status:** Introduced 6/18/2015; referred to Committee on Licenses and Inspections.
- **Bill No. 150373 – Single-Use Bags (Councilman Squilla)**. Bill would assign \$.05 fee for designated single-use bags. **Status:** Introduced 4/23/2015; in Committee on Finance.
- **Recycling Ordinance Revision (no bill number)**. Bill to allow for Department of Streets to revise regulations related to City's original recycling ordinance 1251-A. **Status:** Has yet to be introduced by Councilwoman Bass.

Bresee indicated that Council will take up all three of these bills when it returns from recess in September.

Review of June 1st Greenworks Session:

Bresee reported that the Mayor's Office of Sustainability (MOS) held a visioning meeting on June 1st in which participants (included many SWRAC members) were given the opportunity to weigh in on possible policies and metrics going forward. MOS presented the forum as the first step in creating "Greenworks 2.0".

A summary of the meeting was distributed to SWRAC members.

Organics Subcommittee Report:

The Organics Subcommittee met on July 21st, and discussed the organics feasibility study with the project consultant, MSW Consultants. Meeting notes are attached.

Facilitated Discussion on draft Chapter 5 of the SW Management Plan:

Staff gave overview of facilitated discussions from 2014, and their incorporation into the current draft of chapter 5. Bresee and Osborn reported that chapter 5 will also be reorganized during the next round. DEP requirements can make the document difficult to follow.

Staff indicated that this will not be the last opportunity for SWRAC to provide input.

- Intro/background (P. Bresee)
- Overview of key elements (J. Osborn)
- Review of SWRAC input to-date
- Facilitated discussion and additional input

Presentation PowerPoint deck is attached.

Recycling and Solid Waste Public Forum:

Michelle Feldman addressed SWRAC about the need for a public participation strategy as part of the solid waste management plan submission process. She asked for a poll of attendees interested in participating and it included:

- Allison Sands
- Mike Roles
- Jason Rossano
- Maurice Sampson
- Vivian Van Story
- Chuck Raudenbush

Other Announcements:

Virginia Cain of the Recycling Office/Recyclebank will be joining PA DEP as their regional public affairs manager. She starts her new job at the beginning of August.

Adjournment and Next Meeting:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:05 p.m. The next meeting will be on Thursday, August 27th at 3 p.m.

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