

Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2016

Louisville Metro Solid Waste Management-Large Conference Room
600 Meriwether Avenue

❖ Meeting was called to order by Chairman Greg Zahradnik, at 4:30 p.m.
Committee members in attendance were Darrell Shelton, Bob Schindler, Bruce Burrow, Sarah Lynn Cunningham and Tim Darst.

❖ December 16th, 2015 Meeting Minutes were accepted by acclamation.

Staff Report Review included in packet - Pete Flood asked for any questions:

1. **Enforcement Activities:** Duties of the officers: 3 Enforcement Officers service the East, West and South areas. Their duties are to inspect illegal dumping, collection issues, bags outside of garbage carts, yard waste containers, etc. Total inspections and follow ups: 7,238 and Metro Call Service Requests: 4,377. The attachment included in packets has the statistics broken down further.
2. **Litter Abatement Activities:** no questions.
3. **2015 Staffed Recycling Centers:** Attachment is included in packet with CY 2015 statistics with numbers and money received and also includes the CY 2014 numbers for comparison. As you can see money is going down.
4. **Host Agreement Negotiation Update:** Mr. Flood updated the committee. A certified letter was sent to WM office in Nashville by certified mail and it was returned by postal service after several weeks of going unclaimed. We are currently taking the course of action we are supposed to. The committee made it known that they are unhappy currently and wish to set up another meeting.
5. **10 Year Feasibility Plan Update:** Mr. Flood showed the work plan to the members via computer screen for discussion. Community needs to be more engaged so meetings will be set up to help them understand.
6. **Re-TRAC Online Reporting Program:** This program for our online reporting of the annual reports by our licensed haulers and facilities to enter info is now live and reporting will begin next week. This will be due by February 15th. The program is going to be more streamlined by getting more accurate numbers of diversion. Committee member asked if it was going to be public. Response is that after it gets under way and the participants get familiar with the program, then it will be public knowledge. A link will be set up for the public after that takes place. Darrell Shelton asked how it will be different reporting wise. Response is we won't be able to get a handle on it and know how it will work out until we are able to run reports.
7. **Ordinance Review Update:** Second review is coming up. Waste to energy is next to complete and it will be a big one to review.

Sarah Lynn Cunningham wishes the committee to discuss further on bio digesters and getting ahead of that technology. She also wishes to go on record: for at least 25 years, waste to energy meant that MSW was burnt to make steam. She would like to see us not take liberties with that term because it is very confusing, and limit the wording.

Announcements:

1. Green Fork Award is taking place on January 26th and all committee members are invited to attend. A PowerPoint is attached in your packet in case you aren't able to attend.
2. Reuse Committee (Collective Impact Group) Meeting was planned but Mayor had a conflict, so it is to be rescheduled. Agenda is enclosed in your packet for the first meeting. New invite hasn't gone out yet for the rescheduled date. Next collective impact topic is improving neighborhood cleanliness.

Open Forum:

Sarah Lynn Cunningham has an issue with the dumpsters that sit on the small city streets especially at night because they are dark and have no markings to see them at night. They need tape or reflectors. Mr. Flood suggested she call Public Works Director Vanessa Burns to work on that with her.

Bob Schindler asked if Tom Tyler of Mother Earth Recycling is still in business. Mr. Flood let him know he has closed for taking waste because his facility is doing other things taking place underground. They will no longer be licensed as a recycling facility.

New Business – Pete Flood:

- Question: What is the current mission of the staffed recycling centers and what should they be?
 - According to Mr. Schindler when the centers were first set up, everything had to be separated therefore needed to be staffed. Waste Oil needed to be handled by staff only also.
 - Is the staff really needed now? Cost to staff the centers is \$450,000 - \$500,000 and income coming in is roughly 10 % of the cost only.
 - Promote more education to ensure the unstaffed centers continue to increase participation.
 - Staffed centers will be politically hard to take away because elderly have the staff get the recycling items out for them and help them out.
 - Keep one center and the center of the county would be the Outer Loop center.
 - Question is what to do with the motor oil disposal.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.