

Louisville/Jefferson County Waste Management District

Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

June 15, 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: Bruce Blue, Darrell Shelton, Pat Stallard, Marie Burnett and Bob Lee.

❖ May 18th, 2016 Meeting Minutes were reviewed and accepted by acclamation.

Staff Report included in packet - Pete Flood reviewed:

1. Highlights included are listed below:

- Community Host Agreement Committee update: County Attorney has drafted a letter to Ruth Muelker, Sr. Counsel for Waste Management located in Texas. Letter was been sent on June 10, 2016. Letter is included for members to view.
- 10 year Solid Waste Management Plan Update: Four regional meetings were to take place. Two have taken place already, 3rd meeting taking place on June 16th at Lyndon Baptist Church and 4th meeting to be held on June 21st at California Community Center. Presentation included in packet for members to review. Committee members encouraged to attend one of the meetings if possible. Additional funds have been obtained to extend the stakeholder process for 2 additional meetings. The funding came from office of sustainability and office of public works. First meeting of the final round is scheduled for July 27th, 2016. Invitations going out next week. Goal in additional meetings was needed due to so much information to be presented.
- LMCO Chapter 51 Committee discussion took place at last month's meeting and there have not been any changes since then.
- New Committee By-Laws: 109 Board asked committee to review old by-laws and make recommendations. Of the changes on the new version is the makeup of the directors. Complications in filling board vacancies include diversity. Peter Ervin, District County Attorney is helping work on them.
Comments on current by-laws vs. new drafted version:
*Bob Lee asked if the new version makes appointments by the mayor only. Mr. Flood stated that will not be in there. The Mayor appoints and the Metro Council will approve board members.
*Chairman Zahradnik asked who wrote the By-laws originally. Response: the by-laws were created in 1994 and amended various times over the years.
*Mr. Lee stated he feels the committee is not ready to make any suggestions at this time due to it being a legal document. Mr. Ervin recommended tabling until next month due to him just receiving them and hasn't reviewed them. Committee agreed to postpone further discussion until next month's meeting.

Open Forum:

- Reuse Summit-Partnership for a Green City took place. Excellent turn out where several topics

were discussed such as:

- Curbside Textile Recycling: “Green Bag System” where residents can set out their clothes at the street in that bag and truck comes by to pick them up and then sort out for selling, going to charities, some going to third world countries. 100% re-use/”0” waste system. Company that would handle all the leg work is located in Cincinnati. Several larger cities are getting involved. EPA study shows that 5.7% of the waste stream is made up of textiles. This won’t work unless it’s an organized collection system. Keith Hackett noted Public Works Director Vanessa Burns has asked him to look into it and move forward on it here.
- Waste Management Letters:
 - *Marie Burnett, District Manager, Outer Loop Landfill, asked if the prior two letters to the Waste Management Offices were made available to the committee members, as did the 3rd letter included in tonight’s packet. She feels the letter presented tonight is inaccurate due to the first two letters pertained to the Host Agreement Discussion and the recent letter is pertaining to the license fee of 5% and gross receipts not being correct over last 20 years. Marie also questioned when the recycling and compost sections were included in the fee and who decided that. Feels the facts aren’t accurate. Peter Ervin replied that gross receipts are all receipts from the landfill regardless of what it’s for. She noted that the host agreement states it’s for waste, not for recycling and compost sections of the landfill. Mr. Flood replied that the letter was in response to the meeting held last month in which she wasn’t in attendance. The various committees have discussed the host agreement and what encompasses gross receipts. As stated in the ordinance, it doesn’t give any exclusions. She noted no one has asked her about the composting or recycling done at the landfill.
 - *Bob Lee made two comments regarding this discussion. 1). Even though the host agreement is a public document, the negotiations between the county and waste management should be considered as private due to being a contractual arrangement and should not be part of a public forum such as the advisory committee meeting. 2). Host fee and license fee is two different things and should be negotiated separately not put together in the same letter/meeting.
 - *Ms. Burnett disagrees with the part of the letter stating contractors were not allowed on the property during the audit. She has not denied anyone to come onto the property and wants to know where this information came from and who this would be. Mr. Ervin responded it was the contractors and auditors and that was what was reported back. Ms. Burnett stated this is not true, that she didn’t deny them access. Mr. Flood added they were not allowed to take samples of what they needed to sample for the ten year master plan. They signed an agreement with Waste Management to be on the property and they were only allowed to sample city trucks instead of a full sample. The disconnect is that Ms. Burnett is not included in the meetings/discussions taking place with upper management.
 - *Ms. Burnett is concerned with the possible misunderstanding since it’s now public information. Mr. Flood noted it’s not just Waste Management, but all licensed “gross receipts” transfer stations as well. No one is in compliance with the ordinance in verifying gross receipts.

- **Announcements:**

- * Community Survey Monkey is up and operating. Everyone encouraged to take the survey.
- * Paint recycling grant accepted and we hope to start July 1, where it is processed and sold through Habitat for Humanity. They have already purchased two 250 gallon mixers. This will be a soft launch, so we aren’t inundated with too many people at one time, just to make sure the new hires will get used to what they will be doing before it gets busy. This is going to be accepted at three of our four staffed recycling centers. It will not be public first. Hopefully it will turn into a good program which will also bring more traffic to the centers.

* HHW Grant accepted. All money requested wasn't received so a 2nd modification was done. Same schedule as the recycling centers, 5 days a week open, Tuesday through Saturday 10am until 5pm at the HazBin location. More staff will be hired.

Next scheduled meeting is July 20th, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.