

# Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

## April 20, 2016

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

❖ Meeting was called to order by Chairman Greg Zahradnik at 4:35 p.m.

Committee members in attendance were Bob Schindler, Bruce Blue, Darrell Shelton, Pat Stallard and Marie Burnett.

❖ February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Meeting Minutes were reviewed and accepted by acclamation.

### **Staff Report – Keith Hackett:**

- 1. Recycling Centers – Co-Mingle Sort:** The staffed recycling centers at Hubbard’s Lane is already sorting but Dixie Highway and Outer Loop are get away from single stream to sorting which is easier for QRS.
- 2. Latex Paint Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Grant Update:** Angela Futter gave the committee and update. The grant was signed by 109 Board Chairman Joyce St. Clair and submitted to Frankfort and just pending approval now. 2 Representatives from Habitat Restore were in attendance: Dale Douthat and Jan Van Zant and touched on their role in the grant and working with us for the paint recycling. The goal is to keep 15,000 gallons of paint out of the landfill over the next 12 months. Grant is scheduled to be approved in June, and then the expectation is to be blending paint by late summer or early fall. The collection points will be at the Habitat Restores and the staffed recycling centers. This will coincide with the Household Hazardous Grant for the paint acceptance. The grant period is on fiscal year starting July 1, 2016.  
Bob Schindler asked what exactly the grant will do. (*Response by Mr. Douthat*) It will pay for start-up supplies such as the initial equipment such as paint mixers, labels, hardeners, etc. The Household Hazardous Grant will fund the vehicle, maintenance, fuel, etc. for the technician to go to each site and transport to Habitat or the Grade Lane site.  
Chairman Zahradnik asked if any of the paint stores would take paint back for recycling. (*Response by Mr. Douthat*) He has not heard of it because they usually funnel paint to Habitat. This can be discussed in the future. He also informed the committee that the Habitat Headquarters are at 1620 Bank Street which will be where the paint will be taken to distribute.
- 3. Re-use (Symposium) Summit - June, 2016:** This committee has been meeting on a regular basis. One of the committees which were solid waste is now called TMM (Total Material Management). Received \$6,000 from Brent Fryrear of U of L. This will be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 and various demonstrations will take place outdoors. Once it’s finalized, committee will be invited to attend and given and agenda.
- 4. Re-use Collective Impact:** Angela Futter touched base on the kick off meeting from February. 65 to 70 people attended and a lot of brainstorming took place, addressed challenges, etc. a new direction will take place and more prepared to have more structure. After Derby, another meeting will take place, probably mid-May.
- 5. Presentation to Louisville Leadership Team (LLT) re: 10 year Solid Waste Plan:** Mr. Hackett, PW Director Vanessa Burns and Angela Futter presented the plan to the Mayor and his team. Touched on the next phase and about having 4 regional meetings to share info.

All municipal Solid Waste is local. Evaluate and educate the infrastructure and for our Goal '18. Plan is to move forward to do regional meetings with the same presentation. Darrell Shelton asked how aware the Metro Council was of the 10 year plan. (*Response by Mr. Hackett*) They are very aware. Presentation has been made to them as well. Mrs. Futter added that the reason they want to do regional meetings is to get more stakeholders to attend the meetings and have more participation.

6. **Proposed Amendment to Chapter 51:** this coincides with HB 454 about the restructure of the 109 board to include small cities for better representation on the 109 Board and Advisory Committee. Ex-Officio from various industries such as Recycling and Waste areas. Same 5 members have been in place for a long time, by commissioner districts, USD and at large. It is encouraged to look at to see who would need to be added. The League of small cities was previously represented but once the member left, it was never replaced but is still a placeholder. Mr. Schindler added that at the March meeting, a representative of the League of Cities was in attendance and was not aware that the Advisory Committee ever had a spot for them. Marty Favorite was the prior member who resigned in 2006. It was also discussed to vote to add that back in. The position was never taken out, but it just wasn't ever filled. Discussion took place regarding the amendment that took place a couple years ago regarding the by-laws, due to a quorum issue. The current by-laws were reviewed by Mr. Hackett and states that if the member didn't attend "x" number of meetings, they will be taken off the committee. It states the 109 Board can add additional representation for the committee. That updated set of by-laws were adopted January, 2010. Original by law was that membership is limited to two consecutive, 2 year terms. \*Chairman Zahradnik stated that an agenda item at the next advisory committee meeting (May 18). Every committee member needs to attend if possible due to a review of the by-laws and making changes. A vote will need to take place after the changes. Every member will need to receive a copy of the current by-laws to review before the next meeting, and any changes looking to be made, before the meeting so they can review.
7. **Interim Report - 10 year Solid Waste Management Plan:** Has been received from MSW. It will be reviewed and then sent to the committee members as well.

### Open Forum:

- **HB 454 Update:** This was blended in with the discussion of # 6 above about the makeup of the 109 Board. At this point, it has been tabled for this session. We were scheduled to appear before the Solid Waste Committee about the Plastic Bag Ban. An ordinance has been created by Councilman Downard to add plastic bags back in. Staff was scheduled to go before the Public Works Committee yesterday (4/19) but it got cancelled and reschedule will be in two weeks. The ordinance creation stems from the approval from the mayor's office to move forward with allowing the 109 Board to enforce, instead of getting approval from Metro Council. The division has gone to the council several times within the last ten years with no avail therefore bringing the movement to the mayor's office for approval by the 109 Board, to make the container amendment. We acted in the proper channels. Mr. Schindler asked if Metro Call has any statistics of the calls regarding the ban on plastic bags. (*Response by Mrs. Futter*) 3 calls were received so far in 2016. Mr. Hackett noted that 233 calls were received in 2015 total. Eco Tech representative was asked if it was an issue for them by not allowing plastic. Bryan Slade noted that there were a few but were fixed once they received some yard waste bags were passed out when a problem occurred. Chairman Zahradnik asked about the sentence from the March minutes "*Yard Waste Regulation in its full year implemented and had a cost reduction of 20% for DPW on tipping fees*". Was it for tipping fees for yard waste or trash. It is the cost per ton went down due to not being contaminated. The volume went down as well. He asked that the committee get the breakdown of the 20% at the next meeting. He suggests that whoever proposes that bill in Metro Council to

put plastic bags back in, are they willing to pay the difference of what DPW saved (20%), by adding those back in and pay for it out of their funds, out of the Urban Service District. Marie Burnett asked if that took into consideration what is paid to the new contractor to process the material, and the response was “yes it was”.

- **Open Discussion:**

\*Mike Keeney resigned his place and will need to be filled for the “Environmental Industry” spot (He worked for Zeon Chemicals).

\*Chairman Zahradnik asked to send a letter to Jack Wells of Jefferson County League of Cities, to recommend someone to represent them, if they wish, and state they have to be in attendance at a certain number of meetings each year to keep up their spot on the committee. Mr. Schindler states to wait until the committee structure in the by laws be reviewed before the letter is sent.

\*Question rose to Pat Stallard regarding the minutes from meetings being approved by email. Can or cannot. Response: since it is general business to the public, they have to be approved in front of the public, to be witnessed by the public.

\*Peter Ervin, County Attorney’s office, was introduced as the new counsel for the Waste District Board. Committee members and audience all introduced themselves to him.

\*Chairman Zahradnik stated that it is important to get advance notice a few days before the scheduled meeting, if a member will not be in attendance, in order to decide if there will be a quorum to vote and approve items.

Next scheduled meeting is May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

**Meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.**