

**MINUTES OF THE  
GREENSBORO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2013**

**Members Present**

Mark Taylor, Chair  
Vic Nussbaum, Vice Chair  
Kay Brandon  
Tony Davies  
Bob Davis  
Bob Mays  
Tom Phillips  
Godfrey Uzochukwu

**Staff Present**

Gail Hay  
Jason Jernigan  
Nancy Lindemeyer  
Sheldon Smith  
Dale Wyrick

Council members Nancy Vaughan and Jim Kee were not in attendance.

The Solid Waste Management Commission met on Wednesday, September 25, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. in the Wellness Conference Room.

**Approval of minutes of August 28, 2013 meeting**

Mr. Phillips moved approval of the minutes, seconded by Mr. Mays. The Board acclaimed the minutes approved.

**Old Business**

**a. Use of Committees and Task Forces**

It was agreed that a Committee is a long-standing commitment, while a Task Force is short term. The chair will appoint members to committees and task forces.

**b. White Street Landfill LFG Update and Task Force**

Dale Wyrick noted that the LFG Selection Committee had requested and received responses to clarifying questions provided to the 3 remaining LFG proposers. The Selection Committee hopes to make a final selection within the next 30 days. It was noted that Mr. Nussbaum, Mr. Mays and Mr. Davies served on the 2012 Waste Management & Recycling Task Force's

Waste-to-Energy Subcommittee and currently serve on the LFG Selection Committee. The chair appointed Messrs. Nussbaum, Mays and Davies to the Commission's LFG Task Force retroactive to the inception of this commission.

**c. White Street Landfill Industrial Development Committee**

Mr. Mays reported that the White Street Landfill Industrial Development Committee turned in their completed 100-page study to the City of Greensboro on September 24. A presentation of the study is planned for City Council and the Council Economic Committee in the next few weeks. The study is a development plan for industrial and recreational use of property around the landfill. It offers opportunities for industrial development within this prime real estate. The Commission agreed that they would spend part of their October meeting reviewing the study. A committee will be appointed by the chair at a future date.

**d. Draft policy for vendor presentations**

A revised version of the policy for vendor presentations was distributed. Chair Taylor requested the addition of a question regarding whether the presenter's technology is modular, expandable or scalable. Mr. Phillips moved to adopt the policy, seconded by Mr. Mays. The Board approved unanimously.

**New Business**

**a. Review of the Final Report Recommendations from the 2012 WM&R Task Force**

Chair Taylor reviewed the recommendations from the report and staff provided status updates as follows (note: short, mid and long-term designations are from a report that Dale Wyrick provided to City Council in 2012).

**MSW Disposal Strategies:**

**Strategy 1 – MSW facility owned/operated by the City of Greensboro**  
Long-term ongoing strategy

**Strategy 2 – Monitor MSW disposal advancements in North Carolina**  
Long-term ongoing strategy

**Strategy 3 – Explore regional collaboration**

Mid-term ongoing strategy

**Strategy 4 – Explore benefits of regional administrative structures**

Mid to long-term strategy, more research needed

**Strategy 5 – Use of rail transport as an alternative to trucking**

Long-term strategy, more research needed

**MSW Recycling Strategies:**

**Strategy 1 – Incorporate multi-family and public housing units in recycling efforts**

This is a short-term strategy that is in progress. The city now serves 2,200 Greensboro Housing Authority public housing units at 19 different locations. The city plans to add more than 300 additional locations over the next few years.

**Strategy 2 – Radio Frequency Identification Technology (RFID) pilot program**

This is a long-term strategy that comes with a high cost and may not be necessary. It is most feasible if/when carts are replaced en masse.

**Strategy 3 – Reduction of waste requiring disposal by:**

**a. Expand the types of materials accepted for recycling**

This is a short-term strategy that has been accomplished through the recent contract negotiations with FCR. Additional recyclables include pizza boxes, plastics #1-7, milk and juice cartons, and metal pots and pans.

**b. Promote backyard composting**

This is a mid-term strategy. The landfill currently grinds yard waste and woody debris for fuel.

**c. Encourage diversion of organics from the waste stream.**

Mid to long-term strategy

**d. Support outside services for recycling special waste.**

This is a short-term strategy that is currently underway with Mattress-Go-Round. We plan to continue this type of service.

**Landfill Gas-to-Energy Strategies:**

**Strategy 1 – Issue RFQ for White Street Landfill’s methane gas**

This is a short-term strategy that has been completed.

**b. Draft Supplemental Rules of Procedure**

Chair Taylor distributed a copy of Supplemental Rules of Procedure and asked Commission members to consider Terms of Appointment and Chair/Vice Chair length of terms. Staff will share the document with Legal for their approval.

**c. Other New Business**

Dale Wyrick reported that Super Granger Group Ltd, America Branch Inc. has approached the city with an unsolicited proposal regarding packaging of leaf mulch. They will make a more formal presentation to the Economic Development Commission and staff will notify Commission members of the date once determined.

Mr. Davis noted that the Commission's fourth Wednesday meeting schedule means that holidays in November and December will interfere with the meetings. The Commission agreed to move those meetings to the third Wednesdays.

Chair Taylor asked Commission members to bring ideas for the Work Plan outline to the October meeting. He also suggested the development of a policy on use of the Commission's delegated funds.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for October 23, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. at the 401 Patton Avenue Training Conference Room location.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Davis moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Mays. There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Taylor, Chair  
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