

**MINUTES OF THE
GREENSBORO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 10, 2015**

Members Present

Mark Taylor, Chair
Kay Brandon
Bob Davis
Mary Louise Smith
Godfrey Uzochukwu

Staff Present

Dale Wyrick
Chris Marriott
Alex Arnett
Nancy Lindemeyer

The Solid Waste Management Commission met on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in the Field Operations Training Room. Mary McClellan with ReCommunity, and Stan Joseph with Waste Management attended the meeting. Tony Davies was excused.

Approval of minutes of September 8, 2015 meeting

Mark Taylor reviewed his suggested changes to the September 8 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

Guilford College student presentation regarding Styrofoam

Leanna Kantt and Caleb Amstutz from Guilford College shared a presentation to propose a ban on Styrofoam containers in the food service industry. Commission members and staff provided feedback on the presentation and recommended that the students draft a proposal for the Commission's review.

Old Business

a. Staff Updates

Mark Taylor asked for an update on the Yard Waste Automated Cart Impact Study RFP. Chris stated that he has a shortlist of companies to send the RFP to, once a specific scope of work is drafted. Bids are anticipated to be submitted by March 2016. Dale noted that manual collection operations have a large number of injuries, and that a pilot program with containerized yard waste is in the planning stages.

Uzo asked Dale what the city is doing in response to the January 2014 recycling survey which showed poor results in Eastern Greensboro. Dale responded that an interactive recycling van will be used in neighborhoods to educate residents, and a Mobile 3-1-1 system is being implemented to reduce recycling contamination. He stated a two-pronged approach of education and enforcement is being emphasized. Uzo and Bob Davis both stated that recycling needs to begin in the home.

Dale gave an overview of the proposed recycling deal with ReCommunity. The ongoing downturn in recycling profits has led ReCommunity to request a renegotiation of their contract with the city. City staff has suggested, and ReCommunity has agreed to, a compromise effective January 1, 2016. The deal reduces ReCommunity's payment to the city from \$30 per ton to \$15 per ton through April 1, 2018. Kay Brandon asked if City Council will accept the proposed deal. Dale stated that the process will begin with a presentation of this proposal at the Council Infrastructure Committee meeting on November 12.

New Business

a. 2015 Annual Report

Mark Taylor asked for content/suggestions for the SWMC 2015 Annual Report. Mark mentioned the January 2015 Resolution Supporting the 2014 Recycling Program Assessment Findings. He discussed the Commission's progress in moving the ball forward on opportunities for the White Street Landfill in the past few months, as well as touring the facility. He asked Dale for progress reports on the Cone-Nealtown Connection project, the landfill solar farm project and landfill gas project.

Mark plans to provide draft 2015 Annual Report to Commission at or prior to next meeting. Report is due to Council by January 20, 2016. Mark encouraged members to review the 2015 Work Plan to help generate ideas for 2016.

Mark updated the Commission regarding Waste Management receiving the draft permit to construct a landfill in Randolph County. After an appeal period and public hearing, the actual permit will be issued. Waste Management plans to have the landfill ready by 4th quarter 2016.

Bob Davis asked about the Rockingham County landfill. Stan Joseph said there has not been any activity. Dale Wyrick echoes that point.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next scheduled Commission meeting is Tuesday, December 8 at 3 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,
Mark Taylor, Chair