

**MINUTES OF THE
GREENSBORO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
JULY 28, 2020**

Members Present

Kay Brandon, Chair
Brenton Boyce
Mary Louise Smith
Nelson Stover
Godfrey Uzochukwu

Members Absent

Tony Davies
Bob Davis
Carlos Townsend

Staff Present

Nancy Lindemeyer
Chris Marriott

The Solid Waste Management Commission met virtually using the Zoom program on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. Tony Davies and Bob Davis were excused from the meeting. Carlos Townsend was absent.

Approval of minutes of January 28, 2020 meeting

The minutes were approved by acclamation, with one change.

Old Business

a. Staff Updates

Chris Marriott gave an update on the proposed **Cart Rollback Fee**, that would assess a small fee to residents and businesses that leave their recycling/trash containers at the curb following service days. Due to Covid-19 limiting staff discussion on the city's budget, this proposal is on hold. He hopes to revisit this proposal in the near future.

Chris said that the **NewGen Yard Waste Cart Study** has been completed and the cost savings the city had hoped for were not realized. The city plans to do a pilot test of the service, but that has been postponed due to Covid-19.

Chris stated that the **Solid Waste Collections Division** is undertaking a reorganization that should lead to more efficient and more equitable collections services throughout Greensboro.

Nelson Stover asked about the status of the **Solar Project** at the White Street Landfill. Chris said that the framework is completed and panels are being installed. He estimated

that work will be completed in August, 2020. Initial plans called for some type of opening ceremony, but due to Covid-19, that will need to be postponed.

Uzo asked about Covid **safety measures** for city staff. Chris responded that the city has followed CDC guidelines for social distancing, and has provided appropriate personal protective gear to all employees, including masks and gloves.

Kay Brandon asked about the status of the **White Street Landfill permit renewal**. Chris stated City Council approved continued use and staff submitted the renewal to the State DEQ.

New Business

a. Styrofoam Densifier

Nelson Stover presented information about an effort to establish a local drop-off site and processing facility to recycle foam products in Greensboro that would otherwise go to the landfill. Community partners in the program include Greensboro Beautiful, Inc., Environmental Stewardship Greensboro, Tiny House Community Development, Inc., and Emerging Ecology. The proposed foam recycling site will be located at the Tiny House Community Development Training and Recycling Center, 1310 W. Gate City Boulevard. The site will be equipped with a densifier and publicly available collection containers will be available.

Questions and discussion followed. Commission members unanimously voted to support the program and help publicize it. Nancy Lindemeyer will forward updated information about the Styrofoam Densifier project to Commission members.

Comments from Commissioners, Staff, Council Representatives

Council woman Abuzuaiter said that she is excited about Greensboro having a Styrofoam processing facility.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled Commission meeting is Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 3 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Kay Brandon, Chair