

**MINUTES OF THE
GREENSBORO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
JANUARY 26, 2021**

Members Present

Kay Brandon, Chair
Brenton Boyce
Tony Davies
Bob Davis
Mary Louise Smith
Nelson Stover

Members Absent

Godfrey Uzochukwu

Staff Present

Chris Marriott

The Solid Waste Management Commission met virtually on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. Godfrey Uzochukwu was excused from the meeting. City Council liaisons Mary Kay Abuzuaiter and Goldie Wells were in attendance.

Approval of minutes of November 24, 2020 meeting

The November minutes were approved with one change.

Old Business

a. Staff Updates

Chris Marriott briefly reviewed the Solid Waste Update PowerPoint that Dale Wyrick presented at the December City Council Work Session. He focused on the Solid Waste collections residential route modifications scheduled to go into effect in March/April. These modifications will help balance the daily workload for staff, which will cause around 10,458 residents to have a revised collection day.

Chris Marriott also reviewed the Cart Rollback Program, which will enforce the 7-7-7 rules for trash and recycling containers in order to keep them off streets for safety and beautification. The program will result in a fine for residents who don't follow the 7-7-7 rule for cart removal. Staff will provide an update on this program to City Council at their February 11 retreat.

Chris discussed the Landfill Gas to Energy Project and the Landfill Solar Energy Project. He then took questions.

Kay Brandon asked when residents who will have their collection day changed due to route modifications will be notified. Chris said that staff is currently drafting information that will be communicated at least 4 weeks prior to the service change. Methods of distributing information include water bill, social media and direct mailer. Kay suggested utilizing community groups and the Greensboro Neighborhood Congress. Chris said staff will also use the GSOCollects app to communicate information.

Goldie Wells asked about the gas that the city used to provide to Cone Mills. Chris said that Petra wanted to use all the gas available, but City Council wanted to continue to give Cone Mills half of the gas. Since then, Cone has closed and the gas earmarked for them is being flared. He also noted that it's not feasible to use the gas to provide electricity for landfill neighbors due to power grid restrictions. Goldie then asked how much gas was left in the landfill. Chris said that, since 2006 when the landfill closed to MSW, the amount of gas created has been declining.

Tony Davies suggested that the Commission visit the landfill to see the solar project and gas to energy project, once the COVID situation improves.

Chris announced that Nancy Lindemeyer, the Field Operations liaison to the Commission, will be retiring January 31. She will return to the city March 1 on a part-time basis and continue to work with the Commission.

New Business

a. Styrofoam Densifier

Nelson Stover provided an update on Styrofoam recycling at the Tiny House Community Training and Recycling Center facility located at 1310 West Gate City Boulevard. He said the biggest issue they're having is too much foam. They will order an additional 16' shed that will hold more foam. He invited Commission members to the official dedication ceremony on Saturday, March 13 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled Commission meeting is Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 3 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,
Kay Brandon, Chair