

**MINUTES OF THE
GREENSBORO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
JULY 27, 2021**

Members Present

Crystal Black
Tony Davies, Vice Chair
Bob Davis
Mary Louise Smith
Nelson Stover
Godfrey Uzochukwu

Members Absent

Kay Brandon, Chair
Brenton Boyce

Staff Present

Nancy Lindemeyer
Chris Marriott

The Solid Waste Management Commission met virtually on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. Kay Brandon was excused from the meeting. Brenton Boyce was absent. Council liaisons Marikay Abuzuaiter and Goldie Wells were in attendance.

Approval of minutes of March 23, 2021 meeting

The March minutes were approved with one change.

Old Business

a. Staff Updates: New Director

Chris Marriott stated that Julio Delgado was selected as the new Director of Field Operations. Julio was the former Solid Waste Collections Manager for the department. He began as Director on May 1.

b. New Collection Routes

New collection routes were implemented the week of April 12 for about 16,000 residents in order to better balance daily route volumes. While some service calls were received the first few weeks, the new routes are now operating smoothly.

c. Recycling Audit

Staff is waiting on the final recycling audit report from Kessler Consulting, Inc. The draft report found that Greensboro has an overall contamination rate of 30%. Ten percent of this contamination is from plastic bags, either being put into recycling containers or

being used to hold recyclable items. Once the final report is completed, Chris Marriott will develop an update for City Council on its findings as well as long-term recycling plans for Greensboro.

d. Foam Recycling Project

Nelson Stover provided an update on the foam recycling project which continues to be successful. More than 11 tons of ingots have been produced so far. Grants to support increased capacity are currently being considered.

New Business

a. Illegal Dumping Issue

Crystal Black stated that she supports the new illegal dumping ordinance passed by City Council. She brought up additional areas of concern regarding illegal dumping at apartments, accessing dumping locations, and the city’s response. Staff explained that illegal dumping complaints are tracked by the Neighborhood Development Department. Councilperson Goldie Wells also responded to some of her concerns.

b. In-person Meeting Discussion

The Solid Waste Management Commission is currently meeting via Zoom, per the City Clerk’s recommendation for boards and commissions. Should that recommendation change, the Commission will return to in-person meetings.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled Commission meeting is Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 3 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,
Tony Davies, Vice-Chair