

**MINUTES OF THE
GREENSBORO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
JANUARY 25, 2022**

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Staff Present

Chris Marriott
Nancy Lindemeyer
Richard Lovett

The Solid Waste Management Commission met virtually on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. Council liaisons Marikay Abuzuaiter and Goldie Wells were in attendance.

Approval of minutes of September 28, 2021 meeting

The September minutes were approved by acclamation.

Old Business

a. Staff Updates:

Chris Marriott noted that Budget season is underway, and Field Operations has received some new trucks, but needs staff to operate the equipment.

Kay Brandon asked for an update regarding the recycling audit action steps. Chris responded that staff is working on communications targeted to routes that have the most contamination. Once the postcards have been sent, staff is revisiting the recycling containers on these routes to see if their recycling has improved. Chris is also working on a recycling slide presentation for an upcoming City Council Work Session, which should generate publicity. Council member Goldie Wells plans to host a joint town hall with Council member Hightower on February 10, and asked staff to discuss this issue there.

Chris mentioned the ongoing complaints about trash and recycling containers being left out. The proposed rollback fee, which will charge a fee for containers left out on the street, has been submitted to the City Manager’s Office for City Council consideration.

Rich Lovett, Manager of Environmental and Technical Support, answered questions about the proposed Air Curtain Burner technology, a pollution control device that can replace open burning of vegetative material. Rich has made presentations to both the Commission and the Sustainability Council to request support for moving forward. The Commission members want to reach out to neighborhoods prior to making a decision and the Sustainability Council has not issued a letter of support yet. Chris stated that city staff is available to make brief presentations at any neighborhood meetings that Commission members hold. Council member Wells stated that this project would be an appropriate topic for the Citizens for Economic and Environmental Justice (CEEJ), and suggested a March Zoom meeting be scheduled where Rich can make a brief presentation. A meeting with the Concerned Citizens of Northeast Greensboro may be held after that.

New Business

Bob Davis requested additional glass recycling containers at the McGirt-Horton drop-off location. Staff is also sweeping the area around all the drop sites, and has recently contracted with a company to clean the containers every 3 months.

Nelson Stover stated that 18 tons of Styrofoam have now been recycled at the Tiny House Community Development facility in the past year. Additional Styrofoam drop-off locations are being added.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled Commission meeting is Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 3 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,
Kay Brandon, Chair