

**MINUTES OF THE
GREENSBORO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
MAY 24, 2022**

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Godfrey Uzochukwu

Staff Present

Chris Marriott

The Solid Waste Management Commission met virtually on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. Council liaisons Goldie Wells and Marikay Abuzuaiter were in attendance.

Old Business

a. Staff Updates:

Chris Marriott shared a spreadsheet with results from the May 7 Recycle Rodeo at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. A total of 396 cars came to the event. 298 cars were there for paper shredding and 191 for hazardous waste. There was also glass and foam recycling available. The majority of attendees heard about the event through a news release, and through the city's newsletter. The majority of residents came from the 27406 and 27405 zip code areas.

Chris also shared information about the May SWANA Road-E-O that Greensboro hosted on May 21. This competition provides solid waste collection and landfill equipment drivers and mechanics in North Carolina an opportunity to showcase their skills. Two Field Operations drivers placed second in their categories and will advance to the National Road-E-O in El Paso, TX.

Approval of minutes of March 22, 2022 meeting

The March minutes were approved by acclamation.

b. Other Old Business

Crystal Black asked about Love Your Block. Chris stated that the city collects information on the tonnages of material collected. About 30 of these events take place annually. With staff time, trucks, fuel and disposal, each costs about \$3,000. Crystal asked about the possibility of neighborhoods teaming up to host an event. Chris explained that the locations selected for Love Your Block are made by Community Affairs and Council members.

Kay Brandon asked about the status of the Cart Rollback program. The program would charge a fee for trash and recycling containers left out on the street that are rolled back to the property by city staff. Chris stated that the program is included in the City Manager’s proposed budget for City Council’s consideration.

Comments from Commissioners, Staff, Council Representatives

Council member Abuzuaiter asked about staffing issues in Field Operations. Chris explained that the department continues to be short-staffed. As of last week, there were a total of 50 vacancies out of 330 staff positions. In the Solid Waste Collections division, yard waste/bulk employees have 16 vacancies out of 34 positions. Chris said it is difficult for the city to compete with the salaries paid in the private sector, which makes hiring and retention of employees difficult.

Nelson Stover asked about the status of the Air Curtain Burner. Chris stated that the program was not included in the city’s proposed budget.

Chris mentioned that he will not be available for the July 26 Solid Waste Management Commission meeting. Commission members voted to cancel the July meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled Commission meeting is Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 3 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,
Kay Brandon, Chair