MINUTES OF THE GREENSBORO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION JANUARY 24, 2023

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff Present
Crystal Black	Nelson Stover	William Brown
Brenton Boyce		Julio Delgado
Kay Brandon, Chair		Griffin Hatchell
Tony Davies, Vice Chair		Chris Marriott
Bob Davis		Nathanael Moore
Mary Louise Smith		Tonya Williams
Godfrey Uzochukwu		

The Solid Waste Management Commission met in person on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at 401 Patton Avenue. Council liaison Goldie Wells was in attendance.

Approval of minutes of October 25, 2022 meeting

The October minutes were approved by acclamation.

Old Business

a. Staff Updates: Cart Rollback Fee Update

Chris Marriott stated that bills have been sent to property owners who were in violation of the cart rollback program.

b. Other Old Business

The Solid Waste staffing issue has improved and the division should be fully staffed within a month, in part due to fast-tracking the hiring process.

New Business

Julio Delgado apologized for speaking to City Council regarding the White Street Landfill without first bringing the information to the Solid Waste Management Commission. Kay explained that her main concern was increased traffic on Nealtown Road. He then asked

the Field Operations employees in attendance to introduce themselves and tell about their jobs.

In February 2021, as part of an educational campaign, recycling staff began checking recycling containers for contamination. This has helped to reduce contamination in the city. A suggestion was made to increase recycling training for residents.

Kay brought up the idea of having guest speakers at meetings. Chris made some suggestions and the Commission agreed to invite Tracy Nestor, Senior Area Manager with Republic Services and NC SWANA Chapter President to the March meeting.

Chris shared some proposed budget fee changes for approval:

- Increase tipping fee at transfer station from \$44/ton to \$48/ton
- Increase construction and demolition fee at White Street Landfill from \$31 to \$34
- Increase commercial recycling dumpster fee by \$15 per service day Commission members agreed with the proposed fees.

Crystal Black brought up the need for recycling in local schools.

Chris stated that there is a potential need for a new transfer station due to city growth. The city has hired HDR, a consultant, to research and prepare a study. The current transfer station was built to handle up to 1,100 tons and is currently at 1,000 tons.

Chris was asked by Deputy City Manager Chris Wilson to develop a presentation for City Council with possible options for changing yard waste/leaf collection. The current methods are expensive, lead to workers comp issues, and use plastic bags which are not environmentally friendly. Chris will provide the presentation to Commission members once it's finalized.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled Commission meeting is Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 3 pm in the Training Room at 401 Patton Avenue.

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Respectfully submitted, Kay Brandon, Chair