



City of Sioux Falls Solid Waste Planning Board Minutes

Environmental Center

1017 E Chambers Street

Thursday, November 15 2012; 5:30 pm

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

A regular meeting of the Solid Waste Planning Board was called to order at 5:30 pm by Bob Kappel, Acting Board Chair. A quorum was present.

Roll Call:

Members Present:

Dave McElroy, Acting Chair, Landfill
Superintendent
Ken Allender, Citizen Representative
Greg Dix, Waste Hauling Industry
Representative
Bob Kappel, Environmental Manager
Jake Anderson, Recycling Industry
Representative
Nancy Korkow, McCook County
Deb Reinicke, Lake County Representative
Norman Dittman, Citizen Representative
Ryan Streff, Minnehaha County Representative

Members Absent:

Dennis Weeldreyer, Lincoln County
Representative
John Overby, Turner County
Merle Wollman, Multihousing Representative
Sarah Campbell, Citizen Representative

Others present:

Shaun Feilmeier, Millennium Recycling; Jeff Westrick, Novak; Todd Sandman, Sandman's ; Perry Schemp, Marv's Sanitation; Brandi Rensch, City Sustainability Technician; Dan and Cindy Neuroth, D&C Solid Waste Services; Shannon Dwire, Millennium Recycling.

2. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by McElroy and seconded by Anderson to approve the meeting agenda. (Vote: Yeses: Allender, Anderson, Dittman, Dix, Korkow, McElroy, Reinicke, Streff. Noes: None.) Motion passes unanimously.

Merle Wollman arrives at 5:35 p.m.

Sarah Campbell arrives at 5:40 p.m.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by McElroy and seconded by Dittman to approve the minutes of the Solid Waste Planning Board meeting of October 4, 2012. (Vote: Yeses: Allender, Anderson, Dittman, Dix, Korkow, McElroy, Reinicke, Streff, Campbell, Wollman. Noes: None.) **Motion passes unanimously.**

4. Landfill Superintendent Report – Dave McElroy, Landfill Superintendent

- As of October 31st, the Landfill fund is 83% of expenditures and revenues as projected
- 2013 will bring about major projects
 - Last Solid Waste Master Plan was developed in 2003; we will have another developed in 2013. The SWPB and SW and Recycling Industry will play a vital role as stakeholders in this process
 - The SDDENR Solid Waste permit application will be submitted for renewal in 2013, this is a five year permit. This allows us to operate under state authority, the current permit terminate in 2014.
- Mattress Recycling – waiting for the arrival of the containers that they must be stored in for prevention of moisture. We hope to only be a week out from the arrival. We plan to do a soft rollout at first in order to get the process down and transfer to AGRAT in Tea.
 - Dix inquired whether the mattress recycling is for residents only or if Haulers may utilize this service.
 - Dave indicated that he wants to do a soft rollout; therefore, he would not want mattress retailers utilizing the service in the beginning but will accept mattresses from Haulers.
- Still looking at the possibility of carpet recycling with the addition of a trailer at the Landfill for this recycling process. We previously had two facilities interested in doing this, however, had lost contact with them and would like to move forward pursuing that again.
- Conducted an initial meeting with Minnehaha County in regards to combining the City of Sioux Falls and Minnehaha county garbage hauler license applications in order for a single application to be submitted by Haulers. There will be future discussions with Minnehaha County, however, overall it did sound favorable.
- Landfill Alternative Energy Feasibility Study will soon be finalized. We have been evaluating the options of placing wind turbines or solar generation system at the Landfill. The draft proposal should be circulating amongst City staff within the next couple of weeks and hope to have this finalized by the end of the year.
- Cell 3 and Leachate pond Construction Update: still behind in the 2012 schedule, however, still adequate time built into the 2013 schedule for completion. It is not projected that we will have need for Cell 3 until 2014. Projections for need of construction and lining of Cell 4 are currently at 2022.
- Year to date MSW tonnage is down 2%, October brought in a little more MSW than previously months. C&D is down 5% compared to last year.

5. Environmental Division Report –

- Bob Kappel, Environmental Manager
 - The HHWF has been very effective at assisting us to keep electronics out of the Landfill; approximately 1.5 million pounds of electronics are accepted at the facility annually. The electronics recycling contract is coming due at the end of the year. The Bid Opening for a new agreement of contract occurred today, we are hoping to see a significant reduction in cost to the City. We are looking forward to expanding and approving that program moving forward.
 - The City of Sioux Falls HHWF is not permitted for acceptance of Business Hazardous Waste; however, the demand for such a service is becoming stronger. With that, a program is being implemented with the pilot kicking off over the next couple of months. The City of Sioux Falls will be funding transportation, mobilization and manning costs for a contractor to come in and pick up materials from Conditional Exempt Small Quantity Generators. The customer once accepted for the program would only be responsible for disposal cost, which would be significantly reduced. This is possible due to the contractor agreeing to accepting material at the same disposal rate that the City pays for HHWF items. The savings would be at approximately \$450.00 for business customers.
 - Jake Anderson requested that Millennium Recycling be added to the brochure for florescent lighting acceptance in addition to RecyclePak.
- Brandi Rensch, Sustainability Technician
 - Media Advertising
 - Currently have two radio commercials out, one which is geared towards targeting the specific male audience. The other commercial is geared toward all audiences and is in the format of cartoon characters which will be included in future campaigns.
 - Have one television commercial ad under review currently.
 - We have a print ad in Sioux Falls Woman magazine, obviously geared towards the female audience
 - We hosted a tour of our facilities for the Boy Scouts on Saturday, November 10th. They were very interested in recycling of both hazardous waste and garbage.

6. Update: Ordinance Review Subcommittee – Ken Allender, Subcommittee Chair

- Discussions included previously submitted recommendations of a tiered approach to Garbage Hauler licensing. Majority of the committee members indicated that once all of the research is completed and we are certain that it is legal to move

forward with an Ordinance of this kind that a Tiered Approach which is tied to the recycling rate should be considered.

- Subcommittee requested City staff to reach out to City Attorney's Office for a legal opinion if the City can increase license fees above the cost of service of issuing and administering the licenses.

7. Update: Plastic Bag Workgroup – Jake Anderson, Workgroup Chair

- The City of Sioux Falls had recently been receiving citizen complaints regarding plastic bags within our environment and had inquired as to what is being done by the City of Sioux Falls to decrease the problems associated with plastic bags, if anything. From these complaints, the SWPB had voted to incorporate a Plastic Bag Workgroup.
- Held a "strategy session" to discuss how to move forward with the workgroup. The decision was made that we should move forward in a manner of inviting significant stakeholders to an open forum for discussions. We felt that major stakeholders would likely include Retailers, community members who are neighbors of the Landfill, Hauling industry and possibly a representative from the plastics industry.
- There was an inquiry as to who is on the workgroup – currently includes Jake Anderson, Norm Dittman, and Brandi Rensch. Greg Dix and Nancy Korkow volunteered to join the workgroup.
- When moving forward in the workgroup, clarity would need to be made if the issue involves retail bags only or all plastic bags. Complaints have alluded to retail plastic bags.

8. Other Items:

- Wollman questioned status of affidavits being accepted from Multi-housing owners in regards to acceptance of electronics left behind by residents when vacating a rental property.
 - i. Issue was discussed that previously this was considered unacceptable due to the fact that once a resident vacates a property, the property transfers to the owner and at that point any electronics left transfers as well. The acceptance of affidavits in order to change this precedence is still under review.
 - ii. The possibility of an upcoming Business Electronics Waste similar to the pilot program of Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator for Hazardous Waste is in review and would be beneficial to this issue if it does indeed go into effect.
- Allender would like to discuss implementing a priority list of Waste Minimization recommendations seen in the Sustainability Master Plan. Single

Stream Recycling was addressed and the Ordinance Review Subcommittee is currently working on licensing after the decision of the SWPB to first address this issue. Creating a priority list would allow us to quickly move on to the next topic.

- i. Kappel remarked that the licensing issue should move fairly quickly once the Attorney review has been completed and is reported back to the subcommittee.

Public Comment:

- Jeff Westrick (Novak) questioned whether a time frame is known for the return of Attorney decisions in reference to the licensing issue.
 - Kappel responded that it is not known, however, is hoping for a decision by the close of the year.
- Shaun Feilmeier (Millennium Recycling)
 - Questioned if the media buys on single stream recycling would only include items that are banned from the Landfill.
 - Kappel responded that the direction we are currently moving does only include items banned from the landfill due to the variety of accepted materials
 - Inquired as to what the media budget is for the entire year
 - Kappel and McElroy indicated that they could give a rough estimate as to what the media budget is but not a concrete number at this time. This budget is for the entirety of the year and is spread across various mediums of advertising and for various campaigns; it is not exclusive to single stream recycling.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Dittman and seconded by McElroy to adjourn at 6:26 p.m. (Vote: Yeses: Allender, Anderson, Dittman, Dix, Korkow, McElroy, Reinicke, Streff, Campbell, Wollman. Noes: None.)
Motion passes unanimously.