

Solid Waste Committee Meeting

Virtual Meeting

March 3, 2022

MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Arlington County Solid Waste Committee (SWC) was held on Thursday, March 3, 2022 via Microsoft Teams. SWC members in attendance were Carrie Thompson, Charlie Meng, Marlene RedDoor, Scott Pedowitz, Anne Germain, Dean Amel, Gabriel Calvo, Barry Harte, Steven Marku, and Brian Goggin. Larry Straub, Sam Watzman, Kimberly Fedinatz, Carolyn White, Lisa Worrell, and Julie Sproesser were not in attendance.

Erik Grabowsky, Adam Riedel, and Douglas Krietemeyer were in attendance from the SWB.

Welcome and Introductions

Adam Riedel made brief remarks welcoming all the participants to the meeting and turned the meeting over to Doug Krietemeyer for the presentation.

SWB Update

1. Doug Krietemeyer made a presentation to the SWC provide background details and an overview of the County's Solid Waste Management Programs.
 - a. Discussed County profile details that impact zero waste planning efforts.
 - b. Detailed County's current solid waste management system.
 - c. Detailed programs, services, QA/QC, and regulations that the SWB manages various sectors.
 - i. Residential
 - ii. Multi-family and Commercial
 - iii. County Facilities and Arlington Public Schools
 - iv. Commercial Haulers
2. Question and Comments
 - a. Several clarifying questions about services were throughout the presentation.
 - b. Carrie Thompson asked about the how the Food Scraps Collection program has been going since its implementation in September. Adam Riedel explained that our insight indicated that participation is lagging but we are going to be doing an educational push to remind people.
 - c. Brian Goggin asked about the recycling rate and how its calculated. The total principle recycled materials divided by the total tonnage of municipal solid waste and recycled materials combined. The SWB explained that the County gets an additional 5 percentage points for having reduction programs in place.

- d. Carrie Thompson asked when the SWC participants should begin brainstorming ideas and policies for the planning process. Erik explained that it'll be occurring simultaneously to the community brainstorming sessions.
 - e. Additional questions were asked regarding the County's authority to enact policies. Staff explained that Virginia is a Dillon Rule state and explained that as a Dillon Rule state local jurisdictions have no authority except that which is expressly granted to them by the state.
3. SWC 2022 Meeting Dates
- a. The SWC was made aware of the poll responses indicating that the third Thursday of the month would be the ideal recurring meeting time for the group. Invite to follow.
 - b. The next meeting will occur March 17, 2022 and cover County and Contractor facilities with the region that handle all of the solid waste generated.

Adjourn.