

## **Solid Waste Committee Meeting**

### **Virtual Meeting**

April 21, 2022

### **MEETING MINUTES**

A meeting of the Arlington County Solid Waste Committee (SWC) was held on Thursday, April 21, 2022 via Microsoft Teams. SWC members in attendance were Anne Germain, Larry Straub, Kimberly Fedinatz, Dean Amel, Scott Pedowitz, Marlene RedDoor, Steven Marku, Gabriel Calvo, and Carrie Thompson. Sam Watzman, David Dunn, Charles Meng, Barry Harte, Saul Reyes, Carolyn White, Brian Goggin, and Julie Sproesser were not in attendance.

Erik Grabowsky, Adam Riedel, and Douglas Krietemeyer were in attendance from the SWB and Stacey Demers was in attendance from SCS Engineers.

#### Welcome and Introductions

Erik G. 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 outlining the County's Comprehensive Plan and other County initiatives that will influence the development of the new SWMP.
  - a. County Vision
  - b. Comprehensive Plan Goals and Objectives
    - i. How does the SWMP fit into the Comp. Plan?
  - c. Explained key contract dates and possible impacts to services and fees.
  - d. Detailed County initiatives
    - i. Realizing Arlington's Commitment to Equity
    - ii. Economic Development
    - iii. LEED for Cities and Communities Platinum certification
    - iv. Biophilic Goals
    - v. Solids Master Plan
  - e. Comprehensive Plan Elements (Sub-plans)
    - i. Community Energy Plan
    - ii. Affordable Housing Master Plan
    - iii. Public Spaces Master Plan
  - f. Zero Waste Resolution
  - g. State Regulatory Requirements for SWMP
  - h. Planning Guidance
    - i. Waste Management Hierarchy
  - j. Planning Schedule over the next year

- k. Additional Resources (available on the SWC website under additional resources)
  - i. Zero Waste & Solid Waste Planning Benchmarking and Literature Review
  - ii. The Community Zero Waste Roadmap
- 2. Question and Comments
  - a. Carrie Thompson recalled from the first SWC meeting that the solutions to the 90% diversion is really going to lie in the changing of human behavior to get Arlington residents to consume less and reuse more. There will be a small window at the Community Townhalls to reach residents. Kimi Ferdinatz echoed what Carrie stated and added that multi-family is such a large percent of the County and finding ways to address that will be a challenge.
  - b. Scott P. iterated that part of the challenge lies in that multi-family residents fall into a gray area when it comes to guidance from the County on program changes.
  - c. Scott P. also raised a great point as it related to the presentation, that the committee needs to think about all the other plans and that this plan cannot be developed in a silo.
  - d. Marlene R. commented that one of the other challenges the committee and the County faces is how to get people to do what they're suppose to do. It's a problem that plagues other agencies and organizations as well. Erik G. reassured the group that despite the challenges Arlington has had great success in changing peoples' habits.
  - e. Anne G. noted that we need to be cognizant of the changing waste stream since this is a long-term plan. She noted that the waste changes frequently and more rapidly that someone may expect.
  - f. Kimi Ferdinatz asked which County code regulates waste. Adam R. answered that is covered in Chapter 10 of the County's code.
- 3. SWC 2022 Meeting Dates
  - a. The next meeting will occur May 19, 2022 and will cover waste audit data and consultant support for writing the new plan.
  - b. Meeting dates through July are:
    - i. June 16, 2022
    - ii. July 21, 2022
    - iii. August – No Meeting

**Adjourn.**