

Solid Waste Committee Meeting

Virtual Meeting

November 17, 2022

MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Arlington County Solid Waste Committee (SWC) was held on Thursday, November 17, 2022 via Microsoft Teams. SWC members in attendance were Carrie Thompson, Anne Germain, John Musso, Marlene RedDoor, Larry Straub, Dean Amel, Sam Watzman, Barry Harte, Kerm Towler, Lisa Worrell, Charles Meng, and Carolyn White. Gabriel Calvo, Kimberly Fedinatz, Brian Goggin, Scott Pedowitz, Saul Reyes, and Julie Sproesser were not in attendance.

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

Welcome and Introductions

Adam R. made brief remarks welcoming all the participants to the meeting and turned the meeting over to Stacey Demers and Brent Dieleman from SCS Engineers.

SWB Update

1. Brent and Stacey presented the estimated cost and Greenhouse Gas emissions impact analysis over the 20-year planning period for the initiatives discussed in the previous two meetings.
2. Questions and Comments
 - a. Carolyn W. asked about the impacts of an organics ban on multi-family commercial and whether consideration was given regarding those impacts. Meaning that if the County were to move in this direction that phased implementation would be better than a full on ban from the start.
 - b. Carrie asked why the impacts of Extended Producer Responsibility were so low given that most of it involves recapture certain materials. The assumption is that EPR mostly deals with hard to recycle materials but many that the County collects through its existing collection programs.
 - c. Anne G. asked how Right to Repair legislation fits into the Repair/Reuse Café initiative. It was not applied to the analysis of the initiative but fits into the broader legislative pursuit initiative.
 - d. Anne G raised safety issues within the waste industry and how we may be able to address these concerns within the SWMP. It was explained that Arlington has broader safety goals and that these could play into solid waste collection safety generally.
 - e. The next meeting will be pushed forward two weeks to December 1, 2022 as not to conflict with any holiday plans the committee members may have.

3. Adam and Carrie closed out the session.
4. SWC 2022 Meeting Dates
 - a. Next meeting will occur December 1, 2022. Please note this is not the typical third Thursday meeting but is to accommodate any potential holiday plans by the committee.
5. **Adjourn.**