

Solid Waste Committee Meeting

Virtual Meeting

February 16, 2023

MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Arlington County Solid Waste Committee (SWC) was held on Thursday, February 16, 2023 via Microsoft Teams. SWC members in attendance were Anne Germain, John Musso, Marlene RedDoor, Barry Harte, Charles Meng, Larry Straub, Dean Amel, Sam Watzman, Gabriel Calvo, Kerm Towler. Carrie Thompson, Lisa Worrell, Carolyn White, Brian Goggin, Kimberly Fedinatz, Scott Pedowitz, Saul Reyes, and Julie Sproesser were not in attendance.

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

Welcome and Introductions

Doug made brief remarks welcoming all the participants to the meeting.

SWB Update

- Doug presented information to the committee on various topics for inclusion in the SWMP/ZWP.

Question and Comments *(See recording for additional details)*

1. Presentation picked up from last month with the financing/funding discussion.
 - a. Plastic bag tax/fee – SWB staff discussed the current revenues and use of funds.
 - b. Inclusion of language in the plan funding a study evaluating the various financing options.
2. Intermediate diversion milestones to gauge progress towards the goal were presented to the SWC. Interim milestones of 60% by 2028, 75% by 2033 and then the 90% by 2038.
3. The following aspirational principles were presented for discussion and possible inclusion in the plan aside from the 19 initiatives previously discussed.
 - a. Integrate waste hierarchy and zero waste principles across and throughout County facilities, operations, and policies.
 - b. Consider Zero Waste when Designing and Retrofitting Public Facilities.
 - c. Integrate the EPA's Food Recovery Hierarchy throughout County facilities, operations, and policies.
 - d. Impetus of GHG impacts/Community Energy Plan to drive service costs

- e. Support C&D waste management through researching best practices and encourage adoption into and across County policies (e.g. permitting requirements or Green Building Incentive Policy)
 - f. Reduce waste generation per capita-What would this metric look like?
 - g. Plastics Reduction
4. SWC 2022 Meeting Dates – Planning Timeline Updates
- a. March – No meeting
 - b. April 16, 2023 – TBD
 - c. May 18, 2023
5. **Adjourn.**