

Solid Waste Committee Meeting

Virtual Meeting

March 17, 2022

MEETING MINUTES

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

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

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 providing background details and an overview of the Solid Waste Management infrastructure that supports the County's waste and recycling programs.
 - a. Discussed regional waste disposal processing.
 - b. Detailed contractor facility locations and cost structure.
 - i. Covanta
 - ii. Ash Monofil
 - iii. MRF/Transfer
 - iv. Food Scraps/Yard Waste
 - v. E-waste
 - vi. Household Hazardous Materials (HHM)
 - vii. Metal
 - viii. Glass
 - c. Explained key contract dates and possible impacts to services and fees.
 - d. Detailed County facility locations that support programs and services
 - i. Earth Products Recycling Yard
 - ii. Recycling Drop-off Sites
 - iii. Glass Drop-off Sites
 - iv. Recycling Interpretive Center

2. Question and Comments

- a. While discussing the economics of recycling fees and rebates received by the County (Slide 15), Dean Amel raised a great point that even as the rebates fluctuate that recycling is still financially the better method for disposal when comparing the tonnage rates between recycling and incineration.
- b. Sam Watzman asked whether there were any plans to modify the requirements for multi-family/commercial properties? SWB staff explained that this is what this planning process is about. Recommendations would need to be taken up by the board to change existing code.
- c. Discussion surrounding amount of glass turned in at the various glass recycling drop-offs and if analysis. SWB staff explained that the drop-off at Quincy sees the highest volumes of glass due to its proximity to high-rises in that area.
- d. Barry Harte asked about why glass was removed from the residential curbside recycling and SWB staff explained that it was mainly due to glass not actually being recycled, instead being taken to landfill.
- e. Brian Goggin asked what the Solid Waste Bureau's operating budget is. SWB staff explained that the annual budget is about \$14 million. That budget includes litter collection, street sweeping, and the inspection program. The HHM program is funded through the utility fund system and not the SWB budget.

3. SWC 2022 Meeting Dates

- a. The next meeting will occur April 21, 2022 and the topic will be planning process and consultant support for writing the new plan.
- b. Meeting dates through July are:
 - i. April 21, 2022
 - ii. May 19, 2022
 - iii. June 16, 2022
 - iv. July 21, 2022

Adjourn.