

**MINUTES OF THE
GREENSBORO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 23, 2016**

Members Present

Mark Taylor, Chair
Kay Brandon
Tony Davies
Bob Davis
Mary Louise Smith
Godfrey Uzochukwu

Staff Present

Dale Wyrick
Chris Marriott
Nancy Lindemeyer

The Solid Waste Management Commission met on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in the Field Operations Training Room. Council liaisons Marikay Abuzuaiteer and Jamal Fox were in attendance. Mary McClellan with ReCommunity attended as well.

Approval of minutes of November 10, 2015 meeting

The minutes were approved by acclamation.

Old Business

a. Staff Updates

Dale Wyrick stated that the ReCommunity contract revision and amendment was approved by City Council. The amended contract reduces ReCommunity's payment to the city from \$30 per ton to \$15 per ton through June 30, 2020. The City of Greensboro is working to reduce contamination and will pay for a portion of disposal costs of non-recyclables delivered to the MRF.

Dale stated that the Solid Waste hauling RFP should be out within the next 2 weeks, with proposals due back in late April. Staff recommendations will be brought to the SWMC for review. The Solid Waste disposal RFP is scheduled to go out in early April.

Mary Louise Smith asked about the status of the Guilford College students Styrofoam proposal. Chris Marriott stated that he had been working with the students, but had not heard from them since before the Christmas break.

Bob Davis asked for an update on the Cone-Nealtown Extension Project. Chris Marriott stated the project was under construction and progress has been made on Cone Boulevard with clearing, staking and sediment ponds. The Waste Management Plan has now been approved. Clearing on the White Street section of the project is scheduled to begin in the next few weeks.

Kay Brandon asked for an update on the White Street Landfill Solar Project. Dale stated that the Solar Project and the Landfill Gas Utilization Project are both being overseen by White Street Renewables, a local division of Petra. Financing is in place and White Street Renewables has purchased a generator and is ready to move forward. The project is still waiting on Duke Energy to issue a power purchase agreement.

New Business

a. 2015 Draft Annual Report

Mark Taylor reviewed the 2015 Draft Annual Report and requested feedback. Changes were suggested and approved. Bob Davis moved to approve the Annual Report with changes and Tony Davies seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. 2016 Draft Work Plan

Mark Taylor requested feedback on the 2016 Draft Work Plan. Changes were suggested. Kay Brandon moved to approve the Work Plan and Bob Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Other new business

Marikay Abuzuaiter stated that Mayor Vaughan set up a Boards and Commissions study committee last year. The committee has reviewed various Boards and Commissions, and plans to meet once more before finalizing their draft proposal, which may include:

- Requiring most Boards and Commissions be made up of 9 members, so each Council member is responsible for nominating 1 member
- setting firm rules regarding enforcement of members' attendance

Dale asked if the committee plans to set any rules regarding meeting frequency and Marikay stated they do not.

Uzo requested that the Solid Waste division provide the Solid Waste Management Commission with regular updates to keep the members informed and aware of activities. Bob Davis mentioned that the White Street Landfill tour had provided helpful information and Uzo suggested the members tour ReCommunity.

Tony Davies brought up the new TESLA batteries that have large-scale implications for providing energy. He wanted to know if the City had any potential plans to use this new technology. Dale was unaware of any plans at this time.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m. The next scheduled Commission meeting is Tuesday, March 22 at 3 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,
Mark Taylor, Chair