

**MINUTES OF THE
GREENSBORO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
MAY 24, 2016**

Members Present

Mark Taylor, Chair
Brenton Boyce
Kay Brandon
Tony Davies
Bob Davis
Godfrey Uzochukwu

Staff Present

Chris Marriott
Sheldon Smith
Nancy Lindemeyer

The Solid Waste Management Commission met on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in the Field Operations Training Room. Mary Louise Smith was excused from the meeting. Mary McClellan with ReCommunity and Stan Joseph with Waste Management attended the meeting.

Mark Taylor welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted the attendance of new Commission Member Brenton Boyce, who was appointed by Council member Outling and represents the 3rd District.

Approval of minutes of April 26, 2016 meeting

The minutes were approved by acclamation with 2 changes.

Old Business

a. Staff Updates

Chris Marriott stated there was no progress to report on the White Street Landfill Gas to Energy Project. He said that waste removal continues on the Cone Boulevard Extension Project – about 60% of the waste has been removed. Crews have discovered apparent asbestos as well as drums of solidified paint. These items cannot be disposed at the White Street Landfill.

Bob Davis asked if there had been any complaints about trucks on the road. Chris stated that they have not heard any complaints since the questions about the initial construction site.

Three bids have been received for the Solid Waste Hauling RFP and are currently being evaluated. The Solid Waste Disposal RFP should be released within the next 2 weeks.

b. 2016 Work Plan Implementation Strategy

Mark Taylor invited discussion regarding implementation strategies for the 2016 Work Plan as follows:

A1. Vet and evaluate options for the alternative utilization of the White Street Landfill.

Dr. Uzochukwu confirmed that NC A&T students may be available to evaluate open area development options in fall 2016. The Commission will provide them with the scope of the project and available resources, such as maps, acreage, previous studies, site characteristics, etc.

A2. Explore opportunities for the SWMC to partner with the Water Resources Department on the proposed North Buffalo WWTP environmental sciences center.
Chris Marriott will contact Water Resources to discuss this opportunity.

B1. Continue to study options for a MSW facility owned and operated by the City of Greensboro alone or in part that will process MSW or select municipal waste stream constituents or byproducts for land disposal reduction and other benefits.

Mark noted that food waste and energy generation continue to be issues to watch.

B2. Monitor advancements and/or alternative strategies and technologies in MSW disposal being utilized by other governments.

Mark Taylor asked if staff monitors other governments and Chris stated that he monitors several industry listservs and his staff interact with other local government solid waste professionals periodically and at NC-SWANA events.

B3. Participate with staff on the development of a request for proposals for municipal solid waste hauling and disposal contracts.

After discussion, Bob Davis moved to remove this strategy due to complications of discussing RFP's in a public meeting. Motion was seconded by Kay Brandon and passed unanimously.

C1. Continue study of enhancement of the City's recycling programs.

Mark Taylor asked if any improvements are planned for the ReCommunity MRF. Mary McClellan said no changes are planned in the near term; facility upgrades are planned when the recovered materials markets improve.

C2. Assess opportunities for reduction and reuse of waste requiring disposal including non-traditional waste streams.

Mark Taylor asked about whether glass will continue to be recycled. Chris Marriott assured the Commission that the city would continue to collect glass and Mary McClellan stated that ReCommunity will continue to accept it. She and Chris agreed that they are not aware of any new opportunities at this time.

c. Other Old Business

There was no other old business.

4. New Business

There was no new business.

5. Comments from Commissioners, Staff, Council Representatives

There were no comments.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m. The next scheduled Commission meeting is Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at 3 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,
Mark Taylor, Chair