

**MINUTES OF THE  
GREENSBORO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 28, 2017**

**Members Present**

Mark Taylor, Chair  
Brenton Boyce  
Kay Brandon  
Tony Davies  
Mary Louise Smith  
Godfrey Uzochukwu

**Staff Present**

Chris Marriott  
Sheldon Smith  
Nancy Lindemeyer

The Solid Waste Management Commission met on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in the Field Operations Training Room. Bob Davis was excused from the meeting.

Mark Taylor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Approval of minutes of January 24, 2017 meeting**

The minutes were approved by acclamation.

**Old Business**

**a. Staff Updates**

Chris Marriott stated that the Cone Boulevard Extension Project is within a week of completing excavation. They have procured the contracts for asbestos removal onsite, so that can begin. Kay Brandon asked if there was any risk of asbestos release to the air from the removal process. Chris said that the asbestos is not friable and all precautions are in place to prevent that.

Tony Davies asked for an update on WasteZero's proposal for Simple Recycling's textile diversion program, and Chris stated that staff is preparing an RFP using verbiage from the City of Raleigh's RFP example provided by WasteZero.

Mark Taylor asked about the status of the Yard Waste Automated Cart Impact Study RFP. Chris said that revisions are still being made to it.

## **b. Other old Business**

Mark Taylor noted that, in regards to the White Street Landfill Development Feasibility Study, the fall semester would be the next option for NC A&T students to be involved. Godfrey Uzochukwu said that NC A&T would like an RFP for the work in order to better define the scope, and they would welcome participation by other local institutions.

Mark Taylor stated he planned to contact Mayor Vaughan, whom he represents on the commission, to request clarification on City Council's purpose and intent for the Commission's charge to "research options for alternative utilization of the White Street Landfill".

Kay Brandon said she spoke with Jamal Fox about long range plans for property around the Landfill. She agreed that Commission members need to contact their Council person to determine whether they want them to play a pro-active role in the Landfill Development Feasibility Study.

## **New Business**

### **a. Review 2016 Annual Report Draft**

Commission members discussed the Draft 2016 Annual Report and the Commission's purpose and role. Does Council want them to be proactive or reactive? Godfrey Uzochukwu suggested the Commission's role is to generate ideas and find best practices to present to Council. Mark Taylor noted that the draft report contains a placeholder for a summary of activities by staff as provided by Chris Marriott last year. Chris acknowledged that he is working on the summary and should have it ready soon. After further discussion and solicitation from the Chair, the 2016 Annual Report was unanimously approved as submitted following insertion of the staff summary.

### **b. Review 2017 Work Plan Draft**

Commission members reviewed the 2017 Work Plan Draft. Tony Davies suggested adding "and private waste companies" at the end of goal III.B.2. After some discussion, all agreed. Kay Brandon suggested removing or changing goal III.B.1. Mark Taylor suggested changing the word "study" to "evaluate as needed". After some discussion,

all agreed. After further discussion and solicitation from the Chair, the 2017 Work Plan was unanimously approved as revised.

Godfrey Uzochukwu suggested that the Commission invite more speakers to the meetings. Mark asked all members to bring specific proposals about meeting ideas. Tony Davies suggested site tours and road trips.

**c. Other new business**

None.

**Comments from Commissioners, Staff, Council Representatives**

Godfrey Uzochukwu thanked Sheldon Smith and Tori Carle for visiting NC A&T to discuss improvements to recycling in Northeast Greensboro.

Chris Marriott said that his division is working with Duke Behavioral Research to create stickers for recycling carts in order to reduce contamination.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m. The next scheduled Commission meeting is Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 3 p.m. at the Field Operations Training Room, 401 Patton Avenue.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Taylor, Chair