

**MINUTES OF THE
GREENSBORO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 26, 2017**

Members Present

Mark Taylor, Chair
Brenton Boyce
Tony Davies
Bob Davis
Mary Louise Smith
Godfrey Uzochukwu

Staff Present

Chris Marriott

The Solid Waste Management Commission met on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in the Field Operations Training Room. Kay Brandon was excused from the meeting.

Mark Taylor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of minutes of May 23, 2017 meeting

The minutes were approved with minor changes.

Old Business

a. Staff Updates

Chris Marriott stated that the Cone Boulevard Extension Project officially opened on August 30 and the road connecting Cone Boulevard and Nealtown Road is now called Ralph C. Johnson Way. He expressed his thanks to Commission members for their help in getting public buy in for the project.

Chris stated that the City has received one bid on the Yard Waste Automated Cart Impact Study RFP from HDR in conjunction with NewGen Strategies & Solutions. The bid has not been evaluated yet.

Chris Marriott provided staffing updates and stated that Tori Carle has been promoted to the Waste Reduction Supervisor position vacated by Alex Arnett. The Environmental Educator position has been advertised and staff hopes to have the position filled by November 16.

Mark Taylor mentioned the Nextdoor online application and that he has seen Tori's recycling comments there and it's a good place for communicating recycling information.

Tony Davies asked if there was a cost for replacing a missing recycling container and Chris stated that there is no replacement fee.

Mark asked Chris if he felt Council was warming up to the idea of automated yard waste collection. Chris stated he was not sure.

New Business

a. Discuss ideas to improve recycling at Cumberland Courts

Bob Davis discussed Cumberland Courts apartment homes and asked about Trash Only stickers that were placed on the brown recycling containers there. Chris stated that the majority of residents there were using the brown containers for garbage. Staff met with management numerous times to discuss and provide recycling information, but there was no improvement. Staff then offered to remove the recycling cans, but residents were against that. Since the containers were stained and unusable for recycling, the City decided to stop recycling collection there and put Trash Only stickers on the brown containers. The City provides blue recycling containers if requested, but only 5-8 individuals have done so. Commission Members agreed that a focused recycling education effort was needed at the apartments and suggested having local college students and a possible internship to help with recycling education.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned. The next scheduled Commission meeting is Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 3 p.m. at the Field Operations Training Room, 401 Patton Avenue.

* * * * *

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Taylor, Chair