

**MINUTES OF THE
GREENSBORO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
MARCH 27, 2018**

Members Present

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

Staff Present

Chris Marriott
Nancy Lindemeyer

The Solid Waste Management Commission met on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in the Field Operations Training Room. Brenton Boyce was excused from the meeting. City Council liaisons Marikay Abuzuaiter and Goldie Wells attended.

Mark Taylor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of minutes of February 27, 2018 meeting

The minutes were approved by acclamation.

Old Business

a. Staff Updates

Chris Marriott stated that the City Council approved extending the current recycling contract with Republic Services for 2 additional years at the March 20 Council meeting. He said that the contract will end in June 2020, and it is important to reduce the city's recycling contamination rate of 20% before then, since the recycling contract will need to be rebid at that time.

Chris distributed copies of the Yard Waste Automated Cart Expansion Impact Study proposal from NewGen Strategies & Solutions. The proposal provides a total cost analysis of automating yard waste collection service, including capital and labor costs. He stated that the city doesn't have a contract with NewGen yet, but is very close. He said that, once staff drafts comments, the proposal will be brought to the Commission for review.

b. Discuss revisions to the meeting schedule

After discussion, Commission members agreed to change their meeting schedule to every other month. Meetings for 2018 will be held May 22, July 24, September 25 and November 27. The vote was 5 in favor and 1 against.

Goldie Wells stated that she would inform City Council members about the Commission vacancies for Districts 1 and 5, in order to get the positions filled.

c. Update on Cumberland Courts recycling

In response to discussion at the February meeting regarding Cumberland Courts use of recycling containers for trash disposal, Goldie Wells scheduled a March 14 meeting at the apartments to educate residents about recycling. Commission Member Kay Brandon and staff member Laine Roberts attended the meeting, but no residents of the complex attended. Goldie said that Skip Alston is the manager of the apartments, and she requested that Commission members meet with him to encourage him to improve recycling efforts at Cumberland Courts.

Chris Marriott noted that Greensboro does not require multifamily apartment complexes to recycle. He said that the City of Durham and Orange County do require recycling and suggested that Commission members could research other cities laws to see if Greensboro could begin something similar.

New Business

a. Discuss how the Commission can move forward and meet with purpose

Mark Taylor distributed copies of the Commission's 2017 Annual Report, as well as the 2018 Work Plan, and asked for discussion. Both documents were approved by acclamation and Mark asked staff to forward them to City Council.

Comments from Commissioners, Staff, Council Representatives

Goldie Wells encouraged Commission members to promote recycling in the community prior to the next meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned. The next scheduled Commission meeting is Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 3 p.m. at the Field Operations Training Room, 401 Patton Avenue.

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Respectfully submitted,
Mark Taylor, Chair