

**MINUTES OF THE
GREENSBORO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 24, 2019**

Members Present

Kay Brandon, Chair
Brenton Boyce
Tony Davies
Bob Davis
Mary Louise Smith
Nelson Stover
Godfrey Uzochukwu

Members Absent

Carlos Townsend

Staff Present

Nancy Lindemeyer
Chris Marriott

The Solid Waste Management Commission met on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in the Field Operations Training Room. Carlos Townsend was absent. City Council liaison Goldie Wells was in attendance. Also in attendance was Mark Bacon, Waste Analyst for Hilco Transport, Inc.

Approval of minutes of March 26, 2019 and July 23, 2019 meeting

One change was recommended to the March minutes. Both sets of minutes were then approved by acclamation.

Old Business

a. Staff Updates

i. Recycling changes & glass drop-off sites

Chris Marriott stated that there are now 8 glass drop-off locations as follows: Kathleen Clay Edwards, McGirt-Horton, and Glenn McNairy branch libraries, Fire Station 19, Medford Service Center, White Street Landfill, Solid Waste Transfer Station and First Presbyterian Church. Staff continues to look for additional locations for glass recycling. He confirmed that the glass at the drop-off sites is high quality and has very little contamination. The various drop-off locations are emptied between 4 and 7 days a week and up to 2 times per day.

ii. NewGen yard waste cart study

Chris Marriott plans to meet with NewGen this Friday to review their draft report. The final version should be completed within 2-3 weeks.

iii. LEED Certification process and citizen involvement dates

Chris Marriott gave a brief presentation on the city's LEED certification process, which is currently in Phase I, Collection of Data. This portion should be completed by the end of September. Public meeting dates will be scheduled after that.

iv. Orientation procedures for new members discussion

Nancy Lindemeyer distributed a draft Solid Waste Management Commission Orientation Manual to Commission members for review, and asked them to send any corrections or changes to her. The City Clerk has requested that all Boards and Commissions have formal orientation procedures to distribute to new members.

b. Other old business

Kay Brandon asked about the status of the Commission's vacant position. Nancy Lindemeyer stated that she had made the City Clerk aware of the vacancy and the Mayor had been informed that the position needs to be filled.

New Business

Council member Wells asked about the gas and solar panels projects at the White Street Landfill. Chris Marriott stated the gas generation plant is up and running. The solar project was delayed for various reasons on the contractor's side. Final approval of the lease has been completed by the City Attorney's office. Surveying for final design and construction is scheduled for the next two weeks.

Kay Brandon commented that it might be helpful to Commission members to have a purpose or projects to keep them engaged. Council member Wells recommended that Field Operations promote the positive side of glass recycling. Nelson Stover then made the following motion: The Solid Waste Management Commission requests that Field Operations prepare a public report on the success of glass recycling, including data to let residents know they're doing a good job. The motion was seconded and passed

unanimously. Mr. Stover stated that if staff has difficulty getting the media to report on the program, Commission members are willing to help with the effort.

Bob Davis stated that he has noticed residential trash and recycling containers left on the street for days at a time. Chris Marriott explained that the current Code of Ordinances allows residents who are cited to have 14 days to move the containers. The ordinance also doesn't detail enforcement procedures for collecting on fines, so no one has ever been cited for leaving their containers out. Chris suggested that the Commission members review Ordinance 25-22 and make recommendations for changes that would enable the City to deal with the situation.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned. The next scheduled Commission meeting is Tuesday, November 21, 2019 at 3 p.m. in the Field Operations Training Room, 401 Patton Avenue.

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Respectfully submitted,
Kay Brandon, Chair