



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Draft SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 4, 2014

4:45 PM

1501 W. Badger Rd.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Colton H. Schara; Lakshmi Sridharan; Paul Abramson; Dan Melton; Jaclyn D. Lawton and Steven C. Ingham
Excused: 3 - Steve King; Brian C. Driscoll and Timothy D. Baker

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Lawton, seconded by Abramson, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

NEW BUSINESS

2015 Streets Division Executive Budget

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. [19418](#)

That the SWAC recommends that the Streets Division and the City of Madison take steps to continue and expand the organics pilot, including the acquisition of a screen, an agreement with the UW Oshkosh to accept materila from Madison and build public awareness and maintain the infrastructure in order to achieve the successful implemmentation of a digester in the near future.

Ayes: 5 - Colton H. Schara; Lakshmi Sridharan; Paul Abramson; Dan Melton and Steven C. Ingham

Noes: 1 - Jaclyn D. Lawton

Excused: 3 - Steve King; Brian C. Driscoll and Timothy D. Baker

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Discussion of the status of the City's electronics recycling program..Body
The City of Madison has been part of a group of communities that contract for electronics recycling. This group approach has resulted in

better pricing for the program. In June, new bids were sought and the group made a switch from URT Recycling to 5R Processors. The new agreement took effect on July 1. Since the change in vendors, the Streets Division has encountered significant problems with 5 R processors doing timely pick ups. This has resulted in large numbers of TV's and other items sitting in yards at our drop off sites at Badger Rd and Sycamore Av. After numerous attempts to get the problem solved, the Streets Division has received permission to leave the group and contract with URT for the next six months. This will result in slightly higher costs for the City.

The Streets Division received permission from Purchasing to enter into a six month contract with URT to recycle its electronics. In less than two weeks URT removed over 100,000 pounds of electronics for recycling and the drop off sites were cleaned up and reorganized. URT is also accepting the household batteries being collected in the program. We anticipate being able to extend the contract with URT after the six month period is over.

5R processors has indicated that they have no problem with the change.

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A committee discussion on issues related to recycling in public places and at special events. The discussion will also cover issues related to recovering organics at special events.

..Body

As part of the City of Madison's commitment to zero waste, the Solid Waste Advisory Committee will be discussing the status of recycling in public places such as the State Street Mall, City parks and bus shelters, and street corners. The Committee will also be looking at the recycling at special events and at issues surrounding the recovery of organics from special events. The Committee will look at how we got to our current situation, barriers to improvement and try to develop a plan to increase recovery of materials and prepare to recover more organics as we move closer to an organics program.

Notes from 8/7/14

The committee discussed issues surrounding recycling in public places and away from home. Parks does not require recycling for all of its permits. Recycling is required with events that have Street Use permits. The Concerts on the Square program is unique. They have volunteers that direct concert goers to the proper container for their material.

Areas for the committee to look at include convenience stores/gas stations, public spaces like street corners and especially parks, shopping malls. Many different areas of responsibility. Streets, Parks, and Building Inspection are all involved in one way or another. Staff will work to get representatives from Parks and BI to attend future meetings.

Streets may wish to consider doing an audit of street corner litter containers to find out what is in them and where the greatest concentration of recyclables in the trash occurs. Corners/bus stops are hampered by lack of space for two containers. Recycling and refuse containers need to be side by side or very close to each other for it to work.

Notes from 9/4/14

The committee did not have time to take up this item.

ADJOURNMENT

This was Adjourn