



Minutes

Trash and Recycling Advisory Committee (TARA)

City of Milton Solid Waste Management Plan Kick-Off Meeting

Date: December 4, 2008

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Attendees:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	OTHERS
Cindy Eade for Kathy Reed, Keep North Fulton Beautiful	Dan Drake, Director of Public Works, City of Milton
Jim Lozen, Waste Management	Courtney Reich, Ecological Planning Group (EPG)
Marc Arrington, Julie Zahner-Bailey's appointee	Ron Feldner, Ecological Solutions
Ron Hardy, Bill Lusk's appointee	Vic Jones, Jones Consulting Group
Brian Warren, Custom Disposal Service	Erik Alford, Ecological Solutions
Charles Slade, Community Waste Services	Ed DiTommaso, Ecological Planning Group
Julie Pickney, Councilmember D'Aversa Appointee	
Felicia Houston, Councilmember Tart's Appointee	Jennifer Szabo, Department of Community Affairs
Jim Hilley, Councilmember Thurman's Appointee	

Discussion Items:

- We began the meeting with a discussion of the Solid Waste Planning Standards.
- Building on the results from the November 6 meeting, which focused on a Needs Assessment, we began the identification of Goals. We opted to brainstorm on the goals as one group as opposed to breaking into separate groups.
- The following is a summary of the goals identified:
 - Waste Disposal
 - Ensure space is available at landfills used by city haulers and transfer stations
 - Make sure there is waste disposal available in case of emergencies
 - Debris management plan that is consistent with GEMA standards
 - Enforcement / audit of proper disposal types of waste (ie. Yard waste, recyclables).
 - Land Limitations
 - Ensure new facilities and/or expanding facilities are sited / approved to be consistent with surrounding land uses and environment
 - Identify site suitable for satellite recycling center
 - Review zoning to ensure it is consistent with the Solid Waste Plan
 - Make sure the plan is consistent with the community's desire for new facilities
 - Get certification from landfills

- Waste Collection
 - Recycling centers for large / unusual items
 - Mandatory recycling
 - Satellite recycling center for Roswell
 - Electronic recycling
 - City-wide collection that is consistent and efficient
 - Reduce traffic and pollution due to multiple pickups
 - Bulk item pick up or disposal
 - Amnesty day
 - Educate people on services available
 - Provide easy and convenient service
 - Improve quality of substandard service required
 - Ensure ordinances for solid waste are clear and enforceable
 - Ensure franchise fees are collected and used for solid waste related projects and infrastructure

- Waste reduction
 - Mandatory curbside recycling
 - Mandatory commercial recycling
 - Mandatory recycling fee
 - Requiring recycling and solid waste recycling areas in new commercial development
 - Incentives for commercial recycling
 - Increase commercial recycling
 - Increase residential recycling
 - Enforce requirements to offer recycling
 - Limit amount and number of cans of trash
 - Make trash cans smaller than recycling bins
 - Investigate a pay-as-you-go program
 - Increasing block rate for trash
 - City to contract for solid waste and recycling
 - Achieve the waste reduction goal
 - Qualification / screening program
 - Encourage better yard waste disposal
 - Ensure haulers are properly disposing of yard waste
 - Encourage source reduction
 - Decrease waste
 - Increase waste reduction at schools
 - Education
 - Single stream recycling for everyone

- Public Education
 - Understand the communities satisfaction and knowledge of existing programs
 - Award / competition to encourage recycling in schools
 - Recycling education in schools (bring this knowledge home to parents)
 - Website recognition for businesses that recycle
 - MGG to create an award recognition program to reward good efforts
 - Website at the City with links to other websites including schools and HOA websites
 - City council email blast

- Coordinate with City staff and MGG
- Increase avenues of public education
- Waste audits and recommendations
- KNFB KAB program (make this a requirement for award program)
- Marc provided an update to the group on the TARA Sub-Committee.
- The October and November minutes were approved, since a quorum was present.

Next meeting: January 8, 2008.

Action Items:

- Ed will process the goals for our next meeting.
- Ed will forward to Dan the names of the waste haulers who have not provided the requested information.
- Dan will forward to Ed the waste collection report from the haulers.
- Dan will request copies of the Gwinnett and Cobb County Solid Waste Ordinances from Jen.
- Ed will email the Powerpoint presentation to TARA members (to be uploaded to the website as opposed to being emailed out).
- Marc Arrington to provide information on specific certification programs or grants that will help identify certain goals required to attain those certifications.
- ~~Ed will clarify the tables in the SWMP with examples.~~
- ~~Ed will clarify sources in the SWMP Introduction.~~
- ~~Marc will reach out to CPAC about the need to coordinate our plans (Meeting scheduled).~~
- ~~Marc will identify members for a subcommittee to review and make recommendations on the City's existing Solid Waste Ordinance.~~
- ~~The committee will have to adopt the Minutes from October and November at the next meeting, assuming there is a quorum.~~
- ~~Courtney will forward ordinances to the committee for reference.~~
- ~~Courtney will add Jim Hilley to the Invitee list.~~

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