

# Recycling Public Advisory Council

## Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Members Present: BJ Vinton (Chairman representing CSWSC)  
Pat Todd (League of Women Voters)  
Dick Cecil (Del. Association of Counties)  
Jim Werner (DNREC)  
Wally Kremer (DelEASI)  
Mike Parkowski (DSWA) \*proxy for Pat Canzano  
Don Mulrine (Town of Camden) \*\*proxy for Robert Mooney

Members Absent: Steve Masterson (Waste Management)  
Ptery Iris (IRSD)  
Paul Bickhart (Recycling Express of Delaware)  
Dick Fleming (Delaware Nature Society)  
Pat Canzano (DSWA)\*  
Robert Mooney (League of Local Governments)\*\*

Non-Members Present: Jim Short (DNREC) Rob Underwood (DNREC)  
Lynette Lee (DNREC) Nancy Marker (DNREC)  
Bill Miller (DNREC) Alice Jacobsohn (MD-DE Solid Waste Assoc.)  
Bruce Georgov (IDS) Bob Barrish (Citizen)

BJ Vinton called the meeting to order at approximately 1:37 p.m. He welcomed everyone and asked for people to introduce themselves.

### **Public Comments**

There was one public comment sent via email by Hetty Francke, BJ read aloud to the council. She shared her uncertainty in providing composting education through the University of Delaware since there is no recycling grant money available to fund her activities.

### **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Pat T. had suggested the second sentence of the Recycling Assistance Grants Program heading be changed from “we” to “the Division of Air and Waste Management”, line 5 of the Organized Trash Collection Study be changed from “I further move” to “Wally further moved” and line one of Old Business be changed to “...for debate in the House of Representatives, was not voted on, but was tabled”. BJ suggested changing the third sentence under Measurement and Methodology to “... not be able to guarantee a report on recycling rate in 2009 (CY2008 data), and changing “Pam Meir” to “Representative Pam Maier”. The changes were unanimously approved.

### **Measurement and Methodology Sub-Committee Reporting Update**

Jim S. reported that the report is on its way to print. The M&M Sub-Committee is reviewing the proposal from DSM for the commercial business survey for calendar year 2007.

### **Value of Landfill Diversion Sub-Committee**

This will be placed on the agenda for next month in the absence of Dick F. BJ reported Dick F. has developed a system to prioritize areas of interest to possibly study.

### **RPAC Goals/Vision Committee**

Pat T. has compiled the goals list for the RPAC (see below).

### Immediate

- HB 159 pass – Pat T. explained that a lot of what RPAC does in the future depends on it, and everyone's support is needed. Jim W. said that House Bill 159 will be discussed in a pivotal Senate committee meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

### 1 Year

- Study the benefits of increasing life of the landfill
- Organized trash collection study
- Commercial materials MRF in Delaware
- Single stream MRF for residential waste
- Continue to report on recycling rate and measurement
- Funding for recycling grant programs

### 2-3 Year

- Offer curbside to every household at no additional cost
- Reach 51% diversion rate

### Beyond

- Any 2-3 year goals not reached and goals RPAC will continue to work on.

This topic will be tabled, and Pat T. asked RPAC member to be prepared to vote at the next meeting. Any opinions or recommendations please contact Pat T.

### **Old Business**

BJ explained that it is the RPAC's mission to advise policy. The RPAC reviewed, helped revised, and voted to support HB 159. He added that HB 159 is the most direct course the RPAC has to facilitate convenient recycling and encouraged everyone to speak with their Senators before the June 4<sup>th</sup> hearing at 2:30 p.m.

There was also some discussion about the attendance of RPAC members. BJ said he would contact Steve M. about his participation as a representative of the waste hauling industry.

Rob U. shared that the Governor has recently formed an energy/recycling task force for state agencies. The Office of Management and Budget, Department of Technology and Information, and DNREC represent the group that is starting to increase recycling and reduce energy in state facilities. Bill M. explained that DNREC's main building in Dover is changing its waste/recycling system to improve waste reduction. Rob U. said that the group has just started to meet and he will share more as things develop.

### **What is Not Yard Waste**

Jim S. explained a need has precipitated for a list of items that should not be placed at the DNREC's yard waste sites. He passed out a draft list and would like to get the input from RPAC and haulers. He is meeting with the waste haulers tomorrow. BJ suggested explaining why certain items are not accepted.

### **Schedule for Future Meetings**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 18, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. at the Bear Library, located 101 Governor's Place in Bear.

The meeting was adjourned around 3:05 p.m.