

## MINUTES

Solid Waste Policy Committee and  
Technical Advisory Council Joint meeting  
Wednesday, July 21, 2021

Via Zoom Meeting

<b>SWPC members present</b>	<b>TAC members present:</b>	<b>Solid Waste District staff present:</b>	<b>Guests</b>
Dave Estrop	Anne Kaup-Fett	Chuck Bauer	Olivia Lawrence
Tim Foley	Larry Ricketts	Bonnie Martens	
Len Hartoog	Connie Strobbe	Sam Perin	
Jennifer Hutchinson			
Tim McDaniel			
Charles Patterson			
Bobbie Sin			

### **I. Welcome and Introductions.**

**II. Call to order:** Mr. Bauer called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

### **III. Approval of minutes:**

SWPC 21-4 Approval of April 21, 2021 minutes

Mr. Hartoog motioned to approve the April 21, 2021 minutes. Dr. Estrop seconded. Motion carried.

### **IV. Solid Waste District Projects**

#### **A. Bulky Item Program (Furniture Drop)**

Mr. Bauer reported on the 5 months that the Furniture Drop program has been running. This program occurs on the second Tuesday of the month from 9am to 2pm. We have had 105 customers and have collected just under \$2,000 in fees. Residents pay \$5 for a small item and \$10 for a large item. The SWD has taken the disposed bulky items to the Miami Co. transfer station twice so far with total fees paid of \$505.27. Some maintenance has been needed for the compacting truck. Residents using the program are going down slightly. The SWD plans on increasing publicity. Some criticism has been received about the limited hours during the work day. Ms. Sin asked if any Saturday collections will be offered. Mr. Bauer replied by saying the program is still fairly new and we do not want to combine the Specialty Recycling program with this drop-off because of staffing and site constraints. It is possible down the line, a Saturday option could be made available. Mr. Patterson asked if this program will break even at some point. We are currently bringing in more fees paid by residents than we are paying for cost of the disposal at the landfill. The fee residents pay doesn't cover staff salary, but we are likely to break even for direct expenses as this program continues.

#### **B. Waste Management Recycling issue/ Drop-off**

Mr. Bauer made the board aware of the issue that the drop-off site at South Vienna is having currently. The SWD contacted Rumpke about adding a second weekly pickup to help with the increased usage of this site, but in the end, Rumpke didn't have the staff for twice a week pickup due to a shortage of drivers. Ms. Sin asked about the South Vienna drop-off closures she has seen on the way to Columbus. South Vienna is getting picked up only on Friday at this point – not two times per week (as hoped) and it is being closed off Monday through Friday for now. Dr. Estrop asked if the signs explain why we have changed the hours. Dr. Estrop feels the signs should explain that closures are due to Rumpke's driver shortage, or Waste Management switching to every other week recycling pick up so these companies, not the SWD, are getting the complaint calls. Ms. Sin agrees with Dr. Estrop. Mr. Perin put his direct line on some of the signs so people that want to call can reach out to us for an explanation. Mr. Bauer agreed we can update the signs with more information. The Mad River drop-off has started getting more use due to the fact that Waste Management has gone from weekly to every other week pick up of curbside recycling. We have restricted the hours at these two sites to prevent residents from overfilling the bins until service evens out. This will be an issue that continues to play out as Waste Management adjusts their recycling options and Rumpke is fully staffed.

#### **C. Great American Cleanup**

Ms. Martens reported the final results for the 2021 Downtown Cleanup and Great American Cleanup (GAC). The Downtown Cleanup had 61 Adult and 91 youth volunteers cleaning up 31 blocks and public spaces. There were 140 bags of litter and 20 tires along with other bulky items removed. The only problem revolved around the bulky items. These were not removed until that Monday (May 3) rather than the day of the Downtown Cleanup (April 30). The March 20, 2021 to June 20, 2021 GAC had over 540 volunteers picking up 290 bags of litter from 26 public spaces. These volunteers gave over 552 volunteer hours. The winners of the Championship belt for most volunteer hours for one group were: small group (<5) John & Diane Eichelberger with 30 vol. hours and large group (6+) Meredith Carter with her neighborhood cleanup with 96 vol. hours.

Mr. Bauer followed up with a statement that while participation was lower than in years prior to Covid-19, people did get out and volunteer to pick up litter and we felt it was a successful first year back.

**D. Springfield City Cleanup Recognition**

Mr. Bauer met with Bryan Heck and Logan Cobbs to discuss a program that would recognize those businesses that are going above and beyond maintaining their site or cleaning up around their property, especially in the main corridors. The SWD would help provide supplies such as gloves and trash bags and media recognition. If any other communities within Clark County want to do a similar program the SWD will support those cleanup projects. Dr. Estrop mentioned that a couple years ago a similar recognition program was held and people were really happy to be recognized. It took three visits to the S. Limestone Speedway station to deal with their trash problems. Once they got the litter under control, they did end up getting a certificate for improvement. The local realtors want to work with the City to focus on certain areas to get litter picked up. Dr. Estrop has been working with Susan Forman, former President of the Board of Realtors to identify areas.

**E. Education**

Mr. Perin said programs are getting back to “normal”. The Keep Clark County Beautiful (KCCB) board is having difficulties getting a Youth Representative. Mr. Perin was connected with Lisa Journell with the Global Impact STEM Academy at the last meeting and she has up to 16 student’s names to pass along that might be interested. He was a speaker at the June 8<sup>th</sup> Kiwanis meeting. Mr. Hartoog complimented him on his program with Kiwanis. Programs have been scheduled with National Trail Parks and Recreation District (NTPRD). The newsletter for teachers will go back to a paper version which will be taken to the schools rather than sending an email version.

Ms. Martens let the SWPC/TAC know that while KCCB will not be at the Farmer’s Market this Saturday, they will be at the Aug. 7 Jubilee with sunflower seedlings in compostable pots for people to take home to plant as a fundraiser. The KCCB board members planted sunflower seeds in these pots, at the last meeting, to bring recognition to the Grand Ave. sunflower field and as a fundraiser for the board’s beautification efforts. Mr. Bauer explained that we had to reschedule the Farmer’s Market date due to the fact that the first seedlings were eaten by birds where they were being watered at 1602 W. Main St.

**F. Scrap Tire Outreach**

Mr. Bauer explained that the Scrap Tire Outreach is in our current SWD Plan. We want to improve communication related to recycling options in Clark County for tires or proper disposal of tires. As Ms. Kaup-Fett, with the Health Dept., goes around to the tire shops she will have information/literature to leave with the businesses to let residents know that can dispose of their tires with the SWD’s Specialty Recycling program weekly for the fee of \$0.10 per pound. She also reminds the businesses that mosquito treatments are required to any exposed tires to prevent pest problems. She thinks businesses will appreciate hand-out flyers from the SWD.

**V. Other -**

\*Public Member – Mr. Patterson verified that Mr. Hartoog was interested in stepping down from his position on the Policy Committee early if another individual was interested in filling in the remainder of his term. The Policy Committee/TAC meeting was adjourned.

Mr. Patterson thanked Len Hartoog for his 25 years with both the Policy Committee and his time on the Technical Advisory Council. We are very grateful for his hard work and the meetings he has attended. At this time, Larry Ricketts is interested in joining the Policy Committee as the Public member. Many may know him through his work with People for Safe Water and he has been involved with the Barrel issue at Tremont City Landfill.

SWPC 21-5 Appoint Larry Ricketts to the Policy Committee

Mr. Hartoog thanked the SWPC and asked to stay on the email list. He then made a motion to select his successor, Larry Ricketts. Dr. Estrop seconded. The motion carried.

Ms. Martens or Mr. Bauer will reach out to inform Mr. Ricketts of the resulting vote.

**VI. Meeting adjourned: 4:54 p.m.**

**Additional 2021 meeting dates: Oct. 20 in person (hopefully)**

Submitted by Bonnie Martens, Program Manager