



MEETING MINUTES

Recycling Ad-Hoc Committee

September 3, 2020

Attending: Barbara Clark, Judi Fenno, Elissa Brown, and Sandy Shelin
Absent: Darrick Dietrich
Council Rep: Steve Moss, and Ted Koehler (excused)
Staff: Ki Bealey, and Darci Bell
Guests: Heather Church, and Steven Gimpel
Public: None

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Steve Moss.

WELCOME

Steve welcomed everyone in attendance and Heather Church was introduced and asked to provide an overview of her role at the Department of Ecology. Heather stated that she is the Eastern Washington Materials Management Coordinator. Steve indicated that the Committee is scheduled to provide our report to Council on September 21. Members were encouraged to attend if possible.

APPROVAL OF August 6, 2020, MINUTES

Barbara moved to approve the August 6, 2020, minutes, and Judi second. Motion carried.

REVIEW GOAL

The goal was reviewed again.

REVIEW ASSIGNMENT/DELIVERABLES

Ki indicated that the last item the Committee needs to discuss is the policy considerations. Ki stated that a copy of the draft report to Council was emailed out previously for members to review, along with some policy items to consider from Steven Gimpel. The Committee reviewed the list from Steven and there was discussion regarding the bottle bill and Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR). Heather shared that the Washington State Recycling Association (WSRA) in coordination with Zero Waste Washington will be hosting a free virtual webinar at the end of October and will be discussing bottle recycling facilities which may be of interest to the Committee. Heather will send the information once it has been finalized and she will also provide information on becoming a member of WSRA. There was discussion about recycling being a multi-faceted issue, it is not just a City issue. Consensus from the members support EPR efforts. It was suggested that we set up a meeting with Lisa Sepanski from King County and find out what they are trying to accomplish and determine if we wish to join them in their EPR efforts. There was discussion regarding the Spokane MRF and potential MRF in Burbank. It was discussed that we could provide Council with some policy elements that should be pursued, and also request to continue meeting until the end of the year while additional research is conducted. There was discussion regarding the report to Council and a section of the report refers to the creation of a video on glass recycling and it would be helpful to have a fact sheet that could be distributed that explains why we aren't doing glass recycling. There was a question regarding what enforcements efforts we would be recommending in the report and Ki indicated that the enforcement efforts are addressed in the draft Contamination Reduction and Outreach Plan (CROP) which is referenced in the report to Council. There was discussion regarding the rate structure for recycling and garbage collection and if we are going to eliminate plastics there may be questions about why we are paying so much and the recycling surcharge. Ki indicated that a financial plan was conducted a few years ago and it was determined that rates would be based on the true cost of service. Members felt the need for another meeting to finish review of the report to Council.

QUESTIONS

None noted.

CONFIRM DATE, LOCATION AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was set for September 10, 2020, at 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.