

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MINUTES
February 28, 2000

Chair Kristine Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

1. Roll Call

Present: Balsley, Becker, Chung, Johnson, Lerner, Schild, Sprague.
Absent: Purat.

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approval of January 24, 2000 minutes

It was M/S/C Schild/Balsley to approve the minutes. Motion unanimous.

4. Community Conservation Center.

Ms. MacKusick reported that tonnages are continuing to increase for Ecology Center, the City and CCC and market prices are good. Scale prices have gone up. CCC is now baling material and the expansion project is nearly complete. They are waiting for a permit from the City for their fire monitoring systems. Detailed drawings were submitted and due for approval on February 17th, but they are not yet approved. Also UL needs to come back and sign off on the baler.

5. Ecology Center Report.

Tonnages have been very high. Trucks are on order. The newsletter helped improve tonnages. The Cash for Trash program will be kicked off in September. Union contract is being negotiated.

6. Plastics Recycling

Staff reported that the City Council approved the addition of #1 and #2 plastic bottles to the curbside recycling program. The Council also passed the Commission's comprehensive resolution on dealing with plastic waste. Implementation is projected for September after the new sorting equipment is installed and tested. Staff will work with the contractors on implementation of the plastic resolution dealing with education and source reduction.

7. Franchise System Update

Staff reported that the franchise system for refuse haulers will begin in July and that until then the Business License Tax for refuse haulers is still in effect.

8. Capital Needs Update

Staff reported on the Division's capital needs. A list of needed capital improvements is attached.

- 9. Neighborhood Cleanup**
Plans for this year's annual cleanup were discussed. There will be no major changes from last year. Primary purpose of neighborhood cleanup is to reduce fire hazard. Participants are single family homes. Notice of the event will be sent to 19,550 homes. Concerns were raised about ensuring that the University area pickup is timed properly and that this area is well served. Staff will coordinate with the University's Recycling Coordinator, Lisa Bauer. A postcard with the cleanup date was mailed out in March. This was mailed to everyone at the same time regardless of the date of their cleanup. This allows individuals to better plan for the event as has been requested in the past. It was requested that the address for the East Bay Depot be included. A newsletter containing the program guidelines will be sent in May.
- 10. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2000**
It was M/S/C Chung/Lerner to nominate Kristine Johnson as Chair for another term. Motion unanimous. It was Johnson/Chung to nominate Rachel Balsley as vice-chair. Motion unanimous.
- 11. Staff Updates**
Staff reported on customer service vacancies, new city initiatives and the upcoming commissioner workshop.
- 12. Future Agenda Items and Meeting Days**
Budget
Public Works Director to talk about plans for the Department
Plant debris/green waste expansion
Next meeting is March 27, 2000
- 13. Adjournment**
It was M/S/C Lerner/Chung to adjourn at 8:25 pm.