**City of Philadelphia Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee (SWRAC)**

MEETING MINUTES

September 26, 2019

ATTENDEES

**SWRAC Members:**

Fern Gookin (Co-Chair), Revolution Recovery

Bob Anderson, Curb My Clutter

Scott McGrath, City of Philadelphia-Streets

Chuck Raudenbush, Waste Management

Maurice Sampson II, Clean Water Action

Paul Kohl, Philadelphia Water Dept.

Others Present:

Kelly Offner (Co-Chair), Keep Philadelphia Beautiful

Mike Ewell, Interested Party

Amy Cornelius, Interested Party

Jim Mack, eForce Compliance

Peter Karasik, Interested Party

Neil Garry, City of Philadelphia-Streets

Adam Hendricks, Philadelphia Water Dept.

Maria Horowitz, Philadelphia Water Dept.

Daniel Lawson, Philadelphia Parks and Rec

Laura Cassidy, Dept. of Prisons

Phil Bresee, MSW Consultants

Nic Esposito, Zero Waste and Litter Cabinet

Sal Iadonisi, US Recycling

Phil Bresee, MSW Consultants

Andy Shea RNG Energy Solutions

Shardul Mullur, eForce Compliance

-Called to order by F. Gookin at 3:09pm.

-Approval of Minutes from July 2019

-Organics Subcommittee - Paul Kohl

-MABEX recap- legislative update for internal conflict among US AG and EPA. Energy

from compost needs to be readdressed in EPA lawsuit

-Proposed ACT 101 update hopes to include organics, but it’s not complete yet

-PA Pig virus updates & carcass digestion/landfilling

-PWD Wet Center contract with academic consortium at Temple University

-Asked to do anaerobic studies for food waste

-Laura Cassidy, Dept. of Prisons

-Working with vermiculture composting and in brought on larger facilities into

composting network at Philadelphia facility.

-Philadelphia Recycle Office Update - Kyle Lewis

-Contamination outreach and campaign has reached over 10,000 people so far

-Still need to bring recycling to Police and Fire facilities

-Received second batch of multi-lingual palm cards and door hangers

-OIT Recycling video posted on Streets website

-Digital toolkit now available on Streets webpage

-Commercial Waste Report - Neil Garry

-Over 900 reports submitted

-Commerce Dept. and Health Dept. as conduits for outreach

-Zero Waste and Litter - Nic Esposito

-Community composting network

-17 applicants that fit the bill

-Working with PowerCorps for building systems

-Sites located in rec centers, schools, neighborhood areas

-Training site manager: have consultant to create manual and train

-Urban Composting RFP: applications open, 2 acre site, seeking vendor

-<https://www.phlcontracts.phila.gov/bso/external/bidDetail.sdo?bidId=B2006820&parentUrl=activeBids>

-Please share with groups like SWRAC, ANJER, SWANA, and PROP.

-C40 update - Thriving Cities Pilot recap

-2019 progress report ready in a couple of weeks

-L&I: Commercial waste hauler permits to be rolled out

-Tire dealers must carry activity license

-35 open cases for illegal dumping

-SWRAC Membership Update - Kyle Lewis

-Please send Kyle a brief bio if you are a SWRAC member.

-MSW Consultants - Phil Bresee

-Brought on to assist with update ACT 101 Plan

-ACT 101 grant opportunities are around $35M-$40M

-Philadelphia Plan:

-Requirements review: main theme is ensuring disposal capacity

-Plan developed 2013-2016

-Submitted March 2017, June 2017 DEP and City agreed to incorporate 2019 contract

awards

-Staff edits and updates through mid 2018

-2019-2028 Planning horizon, to incorporate:

-Greenworks 2.0

-ZWL goals

-Disposal agreements

-MRF contract

-To review again at next SWRAC

-Other updates/notes

-Kyle Lewis:

-Reach out to Kyle if you are interested in joining crew outs or crew leader

meetings at training

-Contamination rates have shifted from 24% to 14-19% and now at 23%

-Rain may have something to do with this

-Commodities: excess of $100/ton

-LevLane campaign is in second quarter of two years—> sustained campaign

-Bag ban not the silver bullet for plastic bag contamination at the MRF, but

helpful.

-Kelly Offner:

-Pennsylvania Resource Council 80th Birthday celebration on 10/17 and all

are invited- please contact Winnie Branton for more information.-Kyle:

-PES:

-Community conversations around post-refinery future, resource recovery and

energy—> [philadelphia.gov/refinery](http://philadelphia.gov/refinery)

-“Green Redevelopment” opportunities —> subdivision proceedings for the

leases

-Daniel Lawson:

-Please pickup Parks mulch and leaves and spread word of availability

-Called to close by F. Gookin

**Next Meeting 11/21/19**