

Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Day: Tuesday
Date: December 11, 2012
Time: 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Location: Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department
Room: Lower Level Training Room

Advisory Committee:

Present:

Mike Ayars; Gary Bergman; Eileen Bergt; Ann Bleed; Jack Coogan; Tim Farmer; Steve Hatten; Paul Johnson; Casey Larkins; Coby Mach; Sarah Murtagh; Jane Raybould; DiAnna Schimek; Cecil Steward; Meghan Sullivan; Chris Zegar

Absent:

Dan Kurtzer; Jeannelle Lust; Adam Prochaska; Sue Quambusch

City of Lincoln/Lancaster County:

Nancy Clark; Sara Hartzell; Gene Hanlon; Scott Holmes; Dan King; Karla Welding

HDR:

John Dempsey; Leanne Zietlow

Public:

Nick Crow; Dave Dingman; Greg Kurtzer; Charlie Humble; Greg West; Brian Kurtzer; Brad Uribe; Ann Post; Seth Harms; Jacob Harms; Carrie Hakenkamp

- 1) The facilitator conducted the Safety Briefing and acknowledged the posted public meeting law.
- 2) The Committee Chair called the meeting to order.
- 3) The Committee Chair conducted a roll call of attendance.
- 4) Meeting notes from November 13, 2012 were approved without comments.
- 5) As a follow-up to the November meeting, excerpts from the LPlan 2040 Vision statement were added to the Guiding Principles and Plan Goals document. A copy of this statement and the current version of the Guiding Principles and Plan Goals was handed out. Discussion on the "embrace Sustainable Principles" portion of the document included:
 - Possible changes to the word "political" to something such as "public policy".
 - Suggestion about using "affordable to the taxpayer" versus "economics" and discussion of whether subsequent cost/benefit analysis would help the committee better define options in terms of what might be affordable.No decision was made to change the current wording of this document, but it was noted that changes were possible in the future as part of the final plan development.
- 6) Information introducing the next phase of the discussion, the System Definition and Refinement, was presented. Three alternatives will be provided to the committee for evaluation, refinement and further discussion.
- 7) Information summarizing Module 3 -(Disposal Capacity) and Module 4 - Disposal Refinements topics were presented. Topics included: Waste Conversion Technologies; Municipal Solid Waste

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Disposal; Construction and Demolition Waste Disposal; and Bioreactor/Bio-stabilization Technologies.

Several questions were asked and topics discussed.

- A question was asked and discussed regarding mining or re-opening portions of the existing landfill. It was noted that this is technically viable but anticipated to be very costly.
 - A comment was made that this evaluation should include “waste to product” not just “waste to energy”.
 - A comment was made that regulations could be used to further limit what is accepted at the C&D disposal site, thus encouraging more recycling.
- 8) Group discussion was held on two topical questions in the second half of the meeting. Advisory Committee members had been randomly divided into four groups for discussion purposes. Each question was asked to the four groups and following discussion each group reported on its discussion. The two topical questions that were discussed were:
- “Nationally, 34% of the municipal solid waste is recycled compared to about 18% in Lincoln. Should the Solid Waste Management Plan 2040 set a numeric goal for recycling?”
 - “The Needs Assessment describes the current solid waste management system, facilities and programs (the “Status Quo”). Should these be considered the “minimum level of service” for future planning purposes?”
- A summary of these discussions and group notes will be provided prior to the next meeting.
- 9) The facilitator provided an update on public participation, outreach and communications tools and the amount of participation that has occurred on the website including number of individuals that have viewed the website and how many individual viewed the on-line meeting.
- 10) The next Advisory Committee Meeting data and location were noted:
- January 8, 2013; 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm; Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department Lower Level Training Room.
- 11) The meeting was opened for public comments.
- (1) First commenter stated that the public group present at the meeting discussed the same questions as the Advisory Committee discussed in small groups and offered the following comments:
 - (a) Recycling goals should be set and should be achievable, but had concerns about how you measure “recycling”. The state planning mandate set goals, but those goals were not met. How do you regulate meeting the set goals?
 - (b) Regarding the minimum level of service, Lincoln shouldn’t “go backwards”; what is established now should be the minimum that we should expect.
 - (2) First commenter also suggested (own opinion) that:
 - (a) A permanent Household Hazardous Waste Facility should be a part of the minimum level of service.
 - (b) Look at the “highest and best use” for products and how they could be reused, recycled or as a last resort, disposed of. The cost alternative should consider the future cost to replace the existing landfill.
 - (3) Second commenter:
 - (a) The goals should be a “work in progress”. The goal for the “embrace Sustainable Principles should use a different word than “political”. The word “political” can imply something that has shifting priorities.
- 12) The Committee Chair adjourned the meeting.