

Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Day: Tuesday
Date: September 10, 2013
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; Dan Kurtzer; Casey Larkins; Jeannelle Lust; Coby Mach; Sarah Murtagh; Adam Prochaska; Sue Quambusch; Jane Raybould; DiAnna Schimek; Cecil Steward; Chris Zegar

Absent:

Meghan Sullivan

City of Lincoln/Lancaster County:

Nancy Clark; Miki Esposito; Gene Hanlon; Scott Holmes; Sara Hartzell, Dan King; Frank Uhlarik; Karla Welding

HDR:

John Dempsey

Public:

Corbin Bogle; Nick Crow; Dave Dingman; Carrie Hakenkamp; Ryan Hallen; Sarah Hanzel; Charles Humble; Kent Kurtzer; Jeff Kettleson; Jim Klein; Brian Kurtzer; Jay Kurtzer; Jeremy Kurtzer; John Niederhaus; Scott Niederhaus; Ann Post; Greg West

- 1) The Committee Chair conducted the Safety Briefing and acknowledged the public meeting law posted on the wall.
- 2) The Committee Chair called the meeting to order.
- 3) The Committee Chair conducted a roll call of attendance.
- 4) Meeting notes from August 27, 2013 were approved.
- 5) The Committee Chair reminded the Advisory Committee of the Charge Statement and asked committee members to keep in mind that they are to reflect the views of the community and stakeholders in the deliberations on recommendations.
- 6) The Committee Chair stated that a two-thirds majority is needed to approve any recommendation and that abstentions are treated as "No" votes.
- 7) An explanation was provided to the committee on the data available for determining the annual per capita disposal rate and that it is calculated by

dividing the total solid waste disposed in municipal waste landfills by the population; the population estimate is provided by the Planning Department.

- The per capita disposal rate for 2011 was calculated to be 2,150 pounds per person per year.
- The Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department uses this metric in their annual Community Indicators publication.

8) Sample language for an overall waste reduction and/or recycling goal was distributed to the committee. This provided three examples of goal language. Following discussion the following motion was made and seconded.

- Reduce the per capita rate of municipal solid waste disposed of in landfills to:
 - 1,940 pounds per capita per year by 2018
 - 1,720 pounds per capita per year by 2025
 - 1,510 pounds per capita per year by 2040

Metric: 2011 rate is 2,150 pounds per capita per year. This is calculated by dividing the total municipal solid waste sent to disposal in landfills (from Lincoln and Lancaster County) by the current Lancaster County population (estimates prepared by the City's Planning Department). The recommended goal should be revisited and adjusted in 2015 and every five (5) years thereafter.

Following discussion the motion passed.

9) The Committee Chair opened the floor to motions dealing with any of the preferred paths.

- An initial comment was made the City should identify the amount of C&D waste going into the Bluff Road Landfill. The Committee acknowledges it may be necessary to collect additional data on the amount of C&D waste that goes to the Bluff Road Landfill.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the following two recommendations:
 - The city and county should collect data relevant to the effectiveness of each preferred path and should use the data to analyze adjustments in the goals set by this committee.
 - A reporting system should be created and adopted to measure recycling rates. Reporting should be required by ordinance, said reports should occur on an annual basis and should be required as part of operating a recycling service.

Following discussion the motion passed.

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the following two recommendations:
 - The City should gather programmatic data related to each of the preferred paths.. This data can be based on record keeping, experience, or other sources and would be used as part the periodic reviews of the Solid Waste Management Plan.
 - The City should collect additional data on C&D waste, recycling, and diversion rates and the amounts disposed of in the City of Lincoln.

Following discussion on this second recommendation an amendment was moved and seconded that: The cost of data

collection shall not be a financial burden on those businesses involved with C&D waste. Following discussion the amendment failed.

Following discussion on the original two recommendations the motion passed.

- 10) A question was raised regarding an option of allowing a minority report to be included with the recommendations. Under this concept the report would be written by members of the committee.
 - It was discussed that criteria would need to be developed to allow for a minority report. For example what percent of a “no” vote would be needed to allow for a minority report.
 - Also noted was that no discussion is currently anticipated to be included in the final plan explaining why a super majority of the Advisory Committee voted in favor of a recommendation.
 - The Committee Chair indicated that he did not think it would be appropriate to allow for minority reports.
 - Discussion on this topic was postponed for further discussion following development of recommendations.
- 11) A motion was made to have “to-go” containers in businesses and restaurants be recyclable and/or compostable. There was no second.
 - Alternative wording was suggested that the City look for ways to encourage / increase recycling and source reduction of single use disposable products such as: (committee to suggest laundry list of products). The committee was encouraged to think about identifying “low-hanging fruit” options for inclusion in this recommendation and discuss them at the next meeting.The motion was tabled for future discussion.
- 12) A motion was made and seconded that:
 - The City of Lincoln is encouraged to locate and secure a site for the construction of a second transfer station if supported by a feasibility study.Following discussion the motion passed.
- 13) A motion was made and seconded that:
 - The City of Lincoln is encouraged to establish an “Eco-Park” at either the existing North transfer station or a future Transfer Station if supported by a feasibility study. The “Eco-Park” could be a permanent facility for the collection and storage of HHW. It could also be a one-stop shop for the recycling, repurposing and disposal of items that one may collect when selling a house, cleaning a garage, or engaging in a remodeling project. The “Eco-Park” could include drop-off facilities for the recycling of traditional recyclables (glass, plastic, paper, metal) but also for the recycling/repurposing of wood, yard waste, clothing, used construction materials, appliances, latex paint, and electronics).Following discussion the motion passed.
- 14) The next Advisory Committee Meeting date and location were noted:
 - October 8, 2013; 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm; Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department Lower Level Training Room.

15) The meeting was opened for public comments.

- One commenter indicated that the reduction in the per capita disposal rate goal should be more aggressive than a recycling rate goal since the per capita rate includes waste diversion activities. The commenter stated that the low hanging fruit for recycling includes cardboard, plastics, paper and food waste, which are the major components of the waste stream. The commenter stated that state grant funds are available to help offset the cost of developing facilities such as household hazardous waste and recycling provisions in a Transfer Station.
- A commenter stated that the existing private collection system has served the community well and that there had been assurances that the current hauling system would not be disrupted; the commenter was concerned about language in the System Definition/System Definition Excerpts regarding contracting or franchising the collection of recyclables or garbage and recyclables.
- A commenter indicated that the public does not see what the private waste haulers do to keep Lincoln clean. He passed around photos of garbage overflowing containers at residential and commercial business locations to illustrate what refuse hauling firms encounter.
- A commenter asked the question on how the analysis of an Eco-Park identified in the last recommendation would be funded and whether a study is currently underway.

16) The Committee Chair adjourned the meeting.