

Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Day: Tuesday
Date: August 27, 2013
Time: 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Location: Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department
Room: Lower Level Training Room

Advisory Committee:

Present:

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:

Mike Ayars; Meghan Sullivan

City of Lincoln/Lancaster County:

Nancy Clark; Gene Hanlon; Sara Hartzell; Scott Holmes; Dan King; Milo Mumgaard; Frank Uhlarik; Karla Welding

HDR:

John Dempsey

Public:

Dave Dingman; Dale Gubbels; Corbin Bogle; Charles Humble; Kent Kurtzer; Greg West; Jim Klein; Carrie Hakenkamp; Greg Kurtzer; Jay Kurtzer; Jordan Pascale

- 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 July 9, 2013 were approved.
- 5) Information was provided on the various methods used to promote public involvement and input. Information was also provided on the Public Comments report that included two Attachments. The first contained comments received via the project website, email, phone voicemail and mail since the project started. The second summarized the results from the Virtual Town Hall and the Open House meetings.
 - 60 people attended the Open House and 390 people visited the Virtual Town Hall website with 109 participating.

- A summary of responses to survey questions was presented along with a list of the additional ideas provided by the public.
- 6) The Committee Chair reviewed the Advisory Committee Charge Statement and the Vision, Guiding Principles and Plan Goals.
 - 7) The Committee Chair outlined the process for making recommendations.
 - A two-thirds majority vote (of those present) would be used to establish recommendations.
 - Committee member would have 3 minutes to make a motion for a recommendation; a second must be made; allow 5 minutes for discussion and then call the question and vote on the motion.
 - 8) The first category of recommendation discussed was to identify an overall waste reduction and recycling goal for the community:
 - Variations included a discussion that the goal should be more than recycling; it should encompass re-use, re-purpose and other means of diverting waste from disposal. Options discussed included:
 - i) Improving recycling rate to 30% by 2018; Improve recycling rate to 40% by 2025; Improve recycling rate to a minimum of 50% by 2040. It was noted that there should be a reassessment and evaluation at the first milestone (e.g., 2018 or 5 years) to possibly set new target based on what had been achieved to that point.
 - ii) Decrease waste deposited in landfill by 10% over current per capita disposal rate by 2018; Decrease waste deposited in landfill by 20% over current per capita disposal rate by 2025; Decrease waste deposited in landfill by 30% over current per capita disposal rate by 2040;
 - iii) Following a discussion the Management Team was directed to identify the local metric for the committee to consider at the next meeting.
 - 9) The Committee Chair asked for a motion to make the Preferred Paths identified in the System Definition as recommendations for the Plan with the understanding that the Committee can provide additional recommendations to expand upon each of these recommendations. Following discussion the motion passed.
 - 10) The Committee Chair opened the floor to motions dealing with any of the Preferred Path Recommendations.
 - A motion was made and seconded on the topic of Education, that: targeted educational programming be developed dealing with each Preferred Path Recommendation. Following discussion the motion passed.
 - A motion was made and seconded on the topic of Education, that: a financial commitment be made by the City to provide staffing and resources to educate individuals and businesses as part of the implementation of the plan recommendations. Following discussion the motion passed.
 - A motion was made and seconded on the topic of Commercial Recycling, that: businesses not be required to pay for or use a recycling service if they don't wish to. Following discussion the motion failed.

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- A motion was made and seconded on the topic of Residential Recycling to: evaluate, and if feasible, implement a volume and frequency based pricing system to be adopted for both recycling and waste. Following discussion the motion failed.
- 11) The next Advisory Committee Meeting date and location were noted:
 - September 11, 2013; 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm; Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department Lower Level Training Room.
 - 12) The meeting was opened for public comments.
 - No comments were provided
 - 13) The Committee Chair adjourned the meeting.