Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Day: Wednesday
Date: June 13, 2012
Time: 9:00 am to 11:00 am
Location: City/County Building
Room: 303 (3RD Floor)

Attendees:

Advisory Committee:

Present:
Mike Ayars; Gary Bergman; Ann Bleed; Jack Coogan (Chair); Steve Hatten; Paul Johnson; Mike Koberlein; Dan Kurtzer; Sarah Murtagh; Adam Prochaska (Vice Chair); Sue Quambusch; DiAnna Schimek; Cecil Steward; Meghan Sullivan; Chris Zegar

Late:
Jane Raybould

Absent:
Eileen Bergt; Tim Farmer; Casey Larkins; Jeanelle Lust

City of Lincoln:

Miki Esposito; Gary Brandt; Karla Welding; Gene Hanlon; Scott Holmes; Nancy Clark; Dan King; Sara Hartzell; Milo Mumgaard; Steve Huggenberger

HDR:

John Dempsey; Dave Traeger; Theresa McClure

Public:

Brian Kurtzer; Nick Crow; Scott Niederhaus; Jim Klein; Sarah Hanzel; Greg Kurtzer; Bruce Von Busch; Bob Stroud; Carrie Hakenkamp; Charles Humble

Meeting Summary

1) The facilitator, Theresa McClure, acknowledged the Public Meeting Law and conducted a safety briefing.
2) Miki Esposito welcomed the Advisory Committee, introduced the City Staff (Management Team) and Consultant Project Team Members.
   a) An Advisory Committee roll call was conducted; attendance is reflected above.
      i) Advisory Committee members introduced themselves, their organization and areas of interest.
3) Miki Esposito discussed the Draft Charge Statement provided to the Advisory Committee as a handout.
4) Miki Esposito introduced Jack Coogan as the Advisory Committee Chair and Adam Prochaska as the Vice Chair. Their roles and responsibilities were presented.
5) Theresa McClure discussed the general roles and responsibilities of the Advisory Committee based on a handout provided to the committee as well as the format for meetings and standing meeting agenda.
6) Miki Esposito introduced the concept of Guiding Principles that would guide the Solid Waste Plan 2040 preparation. Miki indicated that the Guiding Principles were still under internal review and were anticipated to be presented in at the next committee meeting.
7) John Dempsey presented an overview of the key elements of the planning process and the project schedule for the solid waste management plan.
8) Theresa McClure described the key elements of the Public Participation Plan and identified how to access the Solid Waste Plan 2040 website. She also noted that all Advisory Committee handouts and the PowerPoint presentation used to guide the meeting will be posted on the project website. Information to be reviewed at future Advisory Committee meetings will be posted on the website approximately one week in advance of the scheduled meeting.
9) The Advisory Committee articulated the following during an open discussion period:
   a) It was suggested that the Management Team and Advisory Committee consider solid waste as a utility and resource. Solid waste management should be addressed in terms of impacts it has on the whole community in terms of economic, environmental, societal, technological and policy issues, not just landfill needs.
   b) A question was raised about broad stakeholder groups engaged in the process.
      i) Theresa McClure indicated that the Advisory Committee was made up of representatives from the business community, waste haulers, recyclers, multi-family property owners, neighborhoods, the development/construction industry, City Council, County Board, LPlan 2040 Advisory Committee, Sustainable Lincoln Blue Ribbon Committee, Planning Commission, Keep Lincoln-Lancaster County Beautiful/LLCHD, environmental organizations/WasteCap Nebraska, higher education, young professionals, and the county/agricultural community.
      ii) Scott Holmes reminded the Advisory Committee that it is their role to represent the interests of the stakeholder groups (above) and that the Management Team would hope they would engage others in the planning process.
   c) It was suggested that efforts be taken to control and reduce the waste stream including managing large waste generators.
   d) It was suggested that “solid waste” be defined.
10) It was noted that all Advisory Committee meetings are currently scheduled to be held on the second Tuesday of each month. The next Advisory Committee meeting will be held on July 10, 2012 from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm in Room 303 of the City/County Building. The meeting room is expected to change beginning with the August 2012 meeting.
11) Theresa McClure introduced the Rules of Engagement for the Public Comment Period.
12) Jack Coogan opened the Public Comment Period.
   a) Carrie Hakenkamp from WasteCap Nebraska indicated that zero waste, organic waste management and impacts of methane needed to be addressed.
13) Jack Coogan closed the meeting.