

## Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Day: Tuesday Date: October 9, 2012

Time: 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Location: UNL - Lancaster County Extension Education Center / Room B

### Advisory Committee:

#### Present:

Gary Bergman; Eileen Bergt; Ann Bleed; Jack Coogan; Steve Hatten; Paul Johnson; Dan Kurtzer; Coby Mach; Sarah Murtagh; Adam Prochaska; Sue Quambusch; Jane Raybould; DiAnna Schimek; Cecil Steward; Meghan Sullivan; Chris Zegar

#### Absent:

Mike Ayars; Tim Farmer; Casey Larkins; Jeanelle Lust

### City of Lincoln/Lancaster County:

Mikki Esposito; Sara Hartzell; Gene Hanlon; Scott Holmes; Dan King; Milo Mumgaard; Karla Welding

#### HDR:

John Dempsey; Leanne Zietlow

#### Public:

Dale Gubbels; Eric Bersin; Brad Uribe; Charlie Humble; Steve Harms; Greg Kurtzer; Beth Mann; Kelsey Palmer; Mark Hawkins; Nick Crow; Jim Klein; Jay Kurtzer; Greg West

## Agenda

- 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 committee attendance.
- 4) There was a discussion regarding the meeting notes from September 11, 2012; a comment was made that the notes were not a comprehensive presentation of all comments and discussions; meeting minutes/notes were approved by a majority voice vote.
- 5) The information obtained from the Baseline Assessment/Survey was presented. Several of the survey questions and the results were discussed in detail.
  - There was some discussion of involving the committee in developing questions if there are more surveys in the future.
  - There was some discussion on whether the survey should have been expanded to include additional questions related to costs for increased levels of services.
  - A comment was made that presentation of costs should consider societal costs not just cost of services.

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- 6) An introduction to the topic of recycling and an overview of recycling topics was made.
- 7) Presentations on residential recycling and diversion; commercial recycling and diversion; and construction and demolition materials recycling were made.
- 8) The committee asked if the Total Waste included recyclables that might be exported from the county by large commercial generators? The answer was generally “no”; the quantities presented are only those for which some record of their amount was recorded.
- 9) The committee asked if the City sees positive revenue from the recycling drop off sites? The answer was “no”, costs exceed revenues.
- 10) Presentations on recycling incentives and organic waste diversion (composting) were provided.
- 11) Preliminary information related to the site life of the City owned landfills was presented. A final version of this information will be included in the Needs Assessment.
- 12) The facilitator discussed upcoming public participation opportunities, including the Open House, the online meeting and the planned outreach and newsletter.
- 13) Revised DRAFT Plan Goals information was not covered due to time constraints
- 14) The objective of the Open House on the Needs Assessment is to provide information on the planning process and to give the public the opportunity to review and understand existing conditions.
- 15) The next Advisory Committee Meeting date and location was noted:
  - November 13, 2012; 2:30 - 4:30pm; Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department, Lower Level Training Room. The meeting precedes the Needs Assessment Open House on the same date and at the same venue; scheduled for 6:00 - 8:00pm.
- 16) The Public Works and Utilities Director addressed the committee members and the public in attendance regarding the process and the desire for continued public participation.
- 17) The meeting was opened up for public comment. One commenter suggested the need for further clarity related to the Guiding Principle of “Embrace Sustainable Principles”. He suggested the need for further defining “sustainability”.
- 18) The Committee Chair adjourned the meeting.