

Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Day: Tuesday
Date: November 13, 2012
Time: 2:30 pm to 4:00 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; Paul Johnson; Dan Kurtzer; Casey Larkins; Jeannelle Lust; Coby Mach; Sarah Murtagh; Adam Prochaska; DiAnna Schimek; Meghan Sullivan; Chris Zegar (late)

Absent:

Mike Ayars; Steve Hatten; Sue Quambusch; Jane Raybould; Cecil Steward

City of Lincoln/Lancaster County:

Sara Hartzell; Gene Hanlon; Scott Holmes; Dan King; Milo Mumgaard; Nancy Clark

HDR:

John Dempsey; Theresa McClure

Public:

Nick Crow; Dave Dingman; Greg Kurtzer; Jim Klein; Charlie Humble; Daniel Schmidt; Carrie Hakenkamp; Jay Kurtzer; Mark Hawkins; Dale Gubbels, Sarah Hanzel.

- 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 October 9, 2012 were approved without comments.
- 5) Information summarizing the Needs Assessment was presented. Topics included purpose, background on the Planning Area, current management practices, historic waste generation, composition, disposal and diversion rates (current/status quo), future disposal needs and subsequent evaluations. Several questions were asked and topics discussed.
 - Comment was made that that the City ran an efficient operation
 - A transfer station was described as a facility that accepts waste, transfers it to a semi-trailer that transports it to a MSW landfill in response to a question.
 - Clarification and discussion was offered on why with a yard waste ban there was still 3 percent yard waste in the waste composition. Discussions of why yard waste was in the landfill related to seasonal bans and various definitions of yard waste.
 - There was some discussion as to why diapers were a separate category and some challenges in managing them by means other than disposal.
 - A question was asked on how much of the landfill gas was recovered by the gas collection system. The response was that the landfill gas recovery wells are only installed in capped

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- portion of landfill and as a result it is estimate that 50% of landfill gas generated is currently recovered.
- 6) There was an overview provided of the Open House and some key areas of focus including the purpose of the Open House, the basis for the Plan, the planning process (diagram), next steps in the planning process and the schedule. There was some dialog and discussion on several topics including:
 - Why the City was undertaking the planning process
 - Why it might be important to reduce waste
 - How the plan would reflect community concerns and environmental vision and emotions
 - How can the waste that is being generated be managed in an environmentally sustainable manner
 - Possible trip to the Bluff Road Landfill
 - 7) A demonstration was provided on the on-line Town Hall meeting, some of the features and content, and how it related to the live Open House going on later in the same evening. Some items of discussion included:
 - Why we are asking the public to participate
 - Are we clearly communicating the need to get people engaged
 - Why it matters that citizens get involved
 - What is the vision that is guiding the purpose of the planning effort
 - A question was asked about how much capacity was available in the land to the east of the current disposal site. The response was disposal capacity will be discussed in the next Module.
 - There was mention of the strong and contentious public sentiment when the Bluff Road Landfill was sited.
 - 8) The facilitator provided an update on public participation, outreach and communications tools including press release and newsletters. A suggestion was made that a feature news article might be helpful.
 - Information will be provided on levels of participation in the various public meetings and comments received on-line.
 - 9) The revised DRAFT Plan Goals were briefly reviewed with a focus on edits from the prior draft based on comments received by the Advisory Committee. A comment was made that on the topic of public/private partnerships that the private sector includes both businesses and non-profit organizations. There was discussion on how to define sustainability and the economic, environmental, human aspects that make up one of the core definitions and that one core aspect should not be emphasized over another - the importance of balance. A portion of the discussion focused on sustainable quality of life (now and in the future), a healthy environment and viable economic life styles. There was also a comment that the sustainable guiding principle should "consider" rather than "embrace" sustainable principles.
 - 10) The next Advisory Committee Meeting date and location were noted:
 - December 11, 2012; 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm; Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department Lower Level Training Room.
 - 11) The meeting was opened for public comments. One commenter provided several suggestions, including:
 - Encouraged messaging that focused on "opportunities" vs. "challenges"
 - Look at quality of life and job creation
 - Encourage entrepreneurship, job creation and education
 - 12) The Committee Chair adjourned the meeting.