

## **Advisory Committee Meeting Notes**

Day: Tuesday  
Date: February 12, 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; Jeannelle Lust; Coby Mach; Sarah Murtagh; Adam Prochaska; Sue Quambusch; Jane Raybould; DiAnna Schimek; Cecil Steward; Meghan Sullivan; Chris Zegar

#### **Absent:**

Casey Larkins

### **City of Lincoln/Lancaster County:**

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

#### **HDR:**

John Dempsey; Adriana Servinsky; Leanne Zietlow

#### **Public:**

Dave Dingman; Harold Dynneson; Lori Erickson; Scott Erickson; Fred Freytag; Sarah Hanzel; Ryan Hatten; Steve Harms; Jacob Harms; Carrie Hakenkamp;; Brian Kurtzer; Greg Kurtzer; Jay Kurtzer; Scott Erickson; Don Shea; Joe Sullivan; Mark Sullivan; Dale Gubbels; Craig Gubbels; Charlie Humble

- 1) The facilitator conducted the Safety Briefing and acknowledged the posted Open 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 December 11, 2012 were approved.
- 5) Follow-up items from the December 11, 2012 meeting.
  - A handout was distributed and an explanation provided on how the USEPA calculates a national average for recycling and how the 18% recycling rate included in past technical papers was calculated.
  - Summary notes were distributed documenting the group activity that was conducted during the December meeting.
- 6) Information was presented on the Collection System technical paper.
  - Committee members provided comments about cost, efficiency and satisfaction with various collection programs.
  - A committee member provided comments about hidden costs that may not be reported for other cities referenced in the technical paper.

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- A committee member commented that the current collection system employs multiple service providers for various support services.
  - A comment was also made that the existing collection system picks up large bulky items and storm damage debris at no added cost.
- 7) Information was presented on the Transfer Stations and Processing Facilities technical paper.
- Questions were asked about haul costs and travel distances in other communities relative to the rule of thumb distance in the technical paper.
- 8) Information was presented on the Markets technical paper.
- 9) The facilitator provided information on public participation, project website, and various options available to provide comments.
- 10) A presentation was provided on group decision making and polling relative to the development of various options to be used to develop a system definition and ultimately the Plan.
- A sample polling process was conducted to illustrate the process.
  - It was noted that the polling would be anonymous.
  - A presentation was provided on how the selection of topical options (described as a preferred path) would be used to develop a system definition for further evaluation and that later (following the public's opportunity to comment on the System Definition) the Advisory Committee would be involved in the development of the Plan. The process was described as providing a presentation of the issues and options, followed by an initial round of polling, followed by a short discussion and a final round of polling.
  - Discussion was held about what would constitute a "majority" vote. It was generally concluded that a 66% majority of members present would be used, when two options were available.
  - Before polling was conducted on the Municipal Solid Waste Disposal and Construction and Demolition Waste Disposal options a committee member stated that by the committee voting on the disposal options the focus continued to be on the use of the current system and not new approaches (like net-zero waste); the committee member suggested that a preferred strategy should be agreed to before polling took place on individual elements like disposal.
  - A handout summarizing the Issue, Options and Implementation Considerations for the Municipal Solid Waste Disposal and Construction and Demolition Waste Disposal topics were provided to the committee and a short presentation was made summarizing the handout materials. The handout and the presentation included information from the technical papers previously presented to and reviewed by the committee.
  - The final polling of the committee related to the Municipal Solid Waste Disposal topic resulted in a preferred path that would provide for future disposal capacity for municipal solid waste by expanding onto City owned property to the east of the currently permitted site (existing landfill).
  - The final polling of the committee related to the Construction and Demolition Waste Disposal topic resulted in a preferred path that would provide for future disposal capacity for construction and demolition waste by expanding onto City owned property.
  - A discussion of the process, including presentation of overview, issues, and options followed by voting, discussion, and second round of voting were agreed to be an acceptable tool for developing a preferred pathway and preliminary system definition. Future topics will also include distribution of technical summaries similar to what was done on the disposal topic.
- 11) The next Advisory Committee Meeting date and location were noted:
- March 12, 2013; 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm; Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department Lower Level Training Room.

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12) The meeting was opened for public comments.

(1) One commenter stated that he would like to have city-wide litter problem addressed in this plan.

(2) One commenter spoke about “Bio-Char” and its benefits.

13) The Committee Chair adjourned the meeting.

Handouts provided at the meeting included:

- How is the 18% MSW recycling rate calculated?
- Group exercise summary from 12/11/2012 meeting
- Disposal Options
  - Municipal Solid Waste Disposal (Options)
  - Construction and Demolition Waste Disposal (Options)