



## Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government Solid Waste Management District

600 Meriwether Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky 40217

**Robert Schindler**

Board Chair

**Keith Hackett**

Executive Director

### Advisory Committee Meeting MINUTES

Via WebEx

August 18, 2021

**Attendance:** Bruce Burrow, Sandra Leonard, Matt Smith, Sarah Lynn Cunningham, Bryan Slade, Greg Zahradnik, Bruce Blue, Julie Donna, Tim Darst, Ked Stanfield, Marie Burnett, Pat Stallard, Adam Storey.

Chairman Bruce Burrow called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

**Approval of July 21, 2021 Minutes:** Motion by Bruce Blue. Seconded by Sandra. Motion passed.

#### 109 Board Report:

Discussion: Samantha Troutman – HHW Transport Service

Samantha Troutman joined the meeting and shared her desire to hold HHW collection events in neighborhoods. Although this service would come at a cost to the residents, she is working on a plan to offer the service in lower income neighborhoods for free.

She plans to have a detailed log of what she has collected and where it came from. Those details could be confirmed by staff. She is also willing to pay reasonable fees for disposal at the HazBin.

Pete's concern is in the intermediary part of the process – would we be accepting a "regulated waste?"

Pat Stallard shared about regulations set by Department of Transportation and the state Environmental Protection Agency for transporting waste. She understood from the EPA that she would not be required to have a permit and she does not foresee herself transporting the quantity that requires a permit from the DOT. She understands the requirement of having a waste hauler license for Louisville. Pat shared that in the absence of a permit, she should have correspondence from the DOT and state EPA giving permission. He is most concerned about verbal agreements not being accurate. Marie suggested finding a disposal option other than the HazBin to avoid the issue of disposing at the HazBin as a business. Sarah Lynn wants to see all discussion items documented. Bryan Slade brought the conversation back around to whether the items would still be considered "residential" if brought by Samantha. Marie Burnett also mentioned that the HazBin property is permitted by WM of KY.

Committee members commended her for the desire to help with residential HHW disposal. Bruce said we would have an answer for her at the next meeting.

**KY Supreme Court Opinion Update:** Peter Ervin was not available to give an update, but Pete shared the results of the KY Supreme Court decision was that it was unconstitutional to treat Jefferson County different than other counties in KY. Pete has the reading from the Supreme Court for anyone that would like a copy. An example of how this applies is the regulation that the District required yard waste to be collected in certain containers and not plastic bags. If the decision had gone the other way, then all 82 home-rule cities would have needed to approve that regulation for each city.

**Variable Rate Pricing Update:** Pete shared that we had a discussion with the Board and it was decided that Pete would meet with each individual waste hauler and determine the best way to collect the data for annual reporting. Bruce shared that some of the information is proprietary. The next reporting period isn't until February

2022, so we have some time to get this completed.

### Sub-Committee Reports:

Residential/C&D – Adam reported about the tour of the asphalt testing lab. Scott Quire gave an informative and positive tour and explanation about how they can test and create products that fit specific needs. Shingles can be added to the mix without compromising the integrity of the asphalt or adding to the cost. The specifications tend to focus on the mix of ingredients, but they are trying to change that to specify what the need is so they can create the specifications based on the product needed in the end. We need to educate locally, build confidence in the product with recycled shingles, and bring back to the state DOT. Education will also lead to more trust among the engineers. Sarah Lynn shared that performance data would be most compelling and important to the engineers. The possible recycling of gypsum board was also mentioned again by Bruce. Matt Smith shared that it is mostly used in agriculture. The drywall that is being disposed of currently is not post-consumer because they can then know what else is being disposed with the drywall. It's primarily being done through manufacturers for this purpose. Pete shared that clean drywall is about 14% of C&D loads. If we can develop the market it may be able to be captured more. Matt also shared that odor can be an issue. No action items or tasks were made.

ICI/Self-haul – There was no meeting for August and no other progress to share.

### Staff Reports:

Enforcement/Licensing Update: Whitney Hickman, Compliance & Enforcement Supervisor, shared an update about licensing and camera operations.

- Licensing
  - 79 completed applications including 52 haulers, 21 recyclers, and 6 transfer station/landfill/compost facilities
  - 18 notices of violations have been sent
- Camera Operations
  - 86 active cameras; 23 citation, 42 violations; 4 impounds, 3 payments, 8 upcoming impounds, and 5 citations without impounds.
  - She shared images of Fairdale Recycling Drop-Off where a lot of illegal dumping has occurred. The recent impounds may be deterring the dumpers.
  - Go to [www.louisvilleky.gov/illegal dumping](http://www.louisvilleky.gov/illegal dumping) to see some of the images and “wanted” vehicles.


Education update: Karen shared images of a couple very happy residents with their new recycling cart. The second deployment by the contractor is currently happening. Recent Courier Journal article shared information about the deployment and issues involved. Sarah Lynn asked about the new recycling calendar and if there would be more education/info about the every other week schedule. Recycle Coach continues to be promoted; there will be another mailer done through grant funds; a full calendar will be posted to website; we plan to include an educational flyer with new carts, garbage and recycling.

### Additional Comments:

A motion to adjourn was made by Matt. Seconded by Greg. Motion passed.

### Meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Minutes approved by:

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Chairman

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