

## City of Philadelphia Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee (SWRAC)

MEETING MINUTES  
January 21, 2021

### ATTENDEES

#### **SWRAC Members:**

Fern Gookin (Co-Chair), Revolution Recovery  
Kelly Offner (Co-Chair), Keep Philadelphia Beautiful  
Kyle Lewis, City of Philadelphia – Streets Department  
Bob Anderson, Retrievr  
Chuck Raudenbush, Waste Management  
Jack Embick, Interested Party  
Maurice Sampson II, Clean Water Action  
Paul Kohl, Philadelphia Water Department  
Vivian Vanstory, Community Land Trust Corporation

#### **Others Present:**

Adam Hendricks, Philadelphia Water Department  
Amy Cornelius, GreenBeams  
Andy Shea, RNG Energy Solutions  
Daniel Lawson, City of Philadelphia – Parks and Recreation  
Helena Rudoff, City of Philadelphia – Office of Sustainability  
Jim Mack, eForce Compliance  
Laura Cassidy, City of Philadelphia – Department of Prisons  
Logan Welde, Clean Air Council  
Maria Horowitz, Philadelphia Water Department  
Mary Ann Duffy, ECHO Systems  
Mike Ewall, Energy Justice Network  
Natalie Walker, University of Pennsylvania  
Neil Garry, City of Philadelphia – Streets Department  
Nina Morris, University of Pennsylvania  
Peter Karasik, Resident/EcoLogix Group, Inc.  
Rebecca Collins, Temple University  
Winnie Branton, Branton Strategies

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Called to order by K. Offner at 3:15pm.

- Motion to begin: Maurice Sampson
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Paul Kohl

Moment of Silence for Sal Iadonisi

Approval of Minutes from November 19, 2020 SWRAC Meeting.

- Update organizational affiliations in the attendee list instead of 'Interested Party.'
- Discussion of Organics Subcommittee notes to be posted to SWRAC web page on Streets site
- Motion to approve as corrected: Chuck Raudenbush
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Maurice Sampson

### **State of Recycling – C. Raudenbush and K. Lewis**

- Update on recycling volumes at City MRF, staffing, contamination, and pricing.
  - Recycling volumes up since beginning of March, need contamination down
  - Cardboard and #2 plastics prices strong
  - Crews work 6-7 days/wk w/increased tonnage + Covid staffing challenges; separate collections are resuming
- Group Discussion:
  - Contaminated recyclables, residuals going to Continuous Materials, and suggestions on measuring that as recycled materials.
  - Public trust and recycling pickups, SWRAC's role in resourcing Streets.

### **Organics Subcommittee Update – P. Kohl**

- Reviewed notes from subcommittee meeting on Tuesday 1/12/21; minutes will be posted on the website once approved.
- Update from Daniel Lawson on Philadelphia Parks and Rec and Bennett Compost site.
- Discussion about messaging around using disposers for food waste and benefits of compost vs. sink garbage disposal, and using compost services if able.

### **Office of Sustainability – H. Rudoff**

- The Philadelphia Climate Action Playbook was released last week: <https://www.phila.gov/2021-01-15-cap/>
- The NRDC Regional Initiative's bi-annual report is available and can be found at this link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DV9dK-o6i2WuaJ2tpcKbINu1ccESVaL1/view?usp=sharing>

### **Zero Waste Goals Subcommittee – M. Sampson**

- Update on moving forward with Streets Dept/Scott McGrath
- Recap of the history of the SWRAC Zero Waste Goals Subcommittee:
  - Goal setting, incremental steps, and planning tool
  - Target waste streams: municipal, commercial and C&D
  - Next steps, entrance of Zero Waste and Litter Cabinet, close of subcommittee.
- Discussion of plans to bring subcommittee back, and next steps.

### **Philadelphia Recycle Office Update**

- Meeting ran out of time. Update will be given at the next meeting.

### **Municipal Solid Waste Plan**

- Meeting ran out of time. Update will be given at the next meeting.

### **Informational Items, Open Discussion, and Announcements**

- Meeting ran out of time. N/A

Called to close by K. Offner at 5:01pm

- Motion to adjourn Bob Anderson
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Paul Kohl

Next Meeting will be on March 18, 2021.