

OAKLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE PLANNING COMMITTEE

2100 Pontiac Lake Road Waterford, MI 48328

November 14, 2013

Executive Office Building
Waterford Conference Room

1:00 P.M.

SOLID WASTE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS - PRESENT		
<u>Solid Waste Industry</u> John Myers, Waste Management Kevin Kendall, Republic Services Mike Csapo, RRRASOC	<u>County Government</u> Robert Hoffman, Oakland County Commissioner <u>Environmental Interest</u> Jean Gramlich, Sierra Club (SEMG) <u>Regional Planning Agency</u> Amy Mangus, SEMCOG	<u>General Public</u> Mary Ann Ryan, Lake Orion Steven Balagna Steve Percival <u>City Government</u> Claire Galed, Huntington Woods <u>Township Government</u> Robert DePalma, Groveland Twp

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OAKLAND COUNTY STAFF PRESENT:

Matt Gibb, Deputy County Executive
 Dan Hunter, Deputy Director EDCA
 Bret Rasegan, Supervisor PEDS
 Whitney Calio, Environmental Program Coordinator
 Jim VerPloeg, Board of Commissioners
 Brad Hansen, EDCA
 Ahmad Roby, Corporate Council
 Jaime Fenner, Admin Assistant, EDCA
 Charlotte Burckhardt, PEDS

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OTHERS Present:

Mary Pietila, Pontiac City Council
 Joe Munem,
 Richard Manczak
 Dennis Cowan
 Jeff McKeen
 Dennis Mitchell
 Billie Swazer
 Tom Trico
 Katie Schlutow
 Bill Fritz

City of Pontiac
 Rizzo Environmental Services
 Varnum LLD
 Plunkett Cooney
 SOCRRA
 Lake Angelus
 City of Pontiac
 Bloomfield Twp.
 Bloomfield Twp.
 Waterford Twp.

The meeting was called to order by Dan Hunter at 1:05 pm.

INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Hunter greeted committee members and led introductions.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting minutes approved from February 13, 2008 meeting. Moved by Mr. Balagna; supported by Mr. DePalma. All in favor. Motion carries.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Mr. Hoffman; supported by Ms. Galed. All in favor. Motion carries

ELECTION OF SOLID WASTE PLANNING COMMITTEE OFFICERS.

Mr. Hunter asked if the committee members if any were interested in serving as Chair and Vice-Chair. Mr. DePalma and Mr. Hoffman indicated as such. Mr. Balanga nominated Mr. Hoffman for Chair; supported by Mr. Myers. All in Favor. Motion carries. Mr. Balanga nominated Mr. DePalma for Vice-Chair; supported by Ms. Mangus. All in favor. Motion carries.

SOLID WASTE PLAN UPDATE

- Mr. Hoffman asked Mr. Hunter to give an overview of the Solid Waste Plan
- Mr. Hunter opened the meeting by announcing that there are no current plans underway to start a solid waste plan update. The State of Michigan normally mandates plan updates every 5 years. This last mandated solid waste plan update occurred in 1997. Oakland County's current solid waste plan was approved in 2003. The cycle for updates has been postponed multiple times by the State via letters in both 2002 and 2004. The advisory committee must consider all aspects of the impact brought on by passing any new legislation.
- Mr. Csapo encourages the county to consider updating the plan stating it is outdated.

MODIFICATION OF REQUEST TO AMEND THE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN PRESENTED BY RIZZO SERVICES

- Dennis Cowan gave copies of Rizzo's PowerPoint presentation.
 - Requesting the Processing Plant to facilitate the consolidation and transport of both residential and commercial waste in a comprehensive and cost effective manner
 - The benefits to all the citizens of Oakland County will be that more material will be pulled out of the solid waste stream.
 - An estimate based on industry standards up to 10% of what is brought to the transfer station and the processing plant. Resulting in less truck traffic and emissions reduction.
 - 38 acre site, they are about 90 – 95% done with demolition of GM Fiero plant.
 - Single stream recycling facility, will facilitate the gathering of recyclables from various communities Rizzo serves.
 - City of Pontiac voluntary citizens drop off recycling area. Free of charge to Residents in Pontiac.
 - 40,000 sq. ft. processing / transfer facility ¼ mile from Baldwin Rd and a 60,000 sq. ft. single stream facility closer to Baldwin Rd.
 - Trucks will not run through residential streets. 75 – 125 Trucks per day.
 - Facility will be open from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm and will have Saturday hours from 6:00 am to noon.

- Will provide 20 – 30 new jobs created in the beginning and hope to have more.
- Host Community agreement, Pontiac will receive \$150,000 up front and .50 cents per ton royalty fee
- Ms. Pietila, District 3 Pontiac City Council
 - Offered her support for the proposed project.
 - The location has a long history of heavy manufacturing. The project is a good re-use of site.
 - The Rizzo group presented the project to the City Council several weeks ago as an information item, no resolution or vote was considered.

MEMBER COMMENTS

- Steven Balagna to Mary Pietila asking for resolution from the City of Pontiac – concerns with the agreement signed by the emergency manager.
- Jean Gramlich – to Mary Pietila Satellite photos showing so much residential area near mechanism. If residents who have concerns can voice their opinion- can contact Mayors office, it is transferred to her cell phone, she has access to Rizzo.
- Mike Csapo - regarding EM, existing officials, have a public hearing for formal support, Mary gave rundown on issue.
- Mike Csapo- Oakland County City managers meeting Joe Sobota said the Transition team is in favor of this.
 - Waste Processing / Transfer station clarification.
 - Single stream – did they consider getting waste processing permit
 - Thinks Rizzo’s \$7 Million estimate seems low.
- Amy Mangus – Asked about sludge / special wastes
- John Myers – 990 Baldwin & 900 Baldwin typo, explain how it got here. Mary explained the address issue. It is actually 900 Baldwin.
- Steve Percival -
 - What will frontage of site look like?
 - Commitment to landscape the position without buildings and fencing
 - Concern of number of trucks
- Claire Galed – can appreciate the economics but do we need the capacity, should we be doing this without looking at the entire plan? Do we need excess transfer capacity in Oakland County?
- Amy Mangus – Did they look at traffic studies for Baldwin? Great Lakes Crossing? – Traffic will not pass G.L Crossing. At some point when Fiero was operating 3 shifts, so more traffic than being proposed by Rizzo.
- Steve Balagna – How is trash transferred from Bloomfield Twp to facility.
- Steve Percival – Will 100% go out of Oakland County – Intention is **Yes** – currently 25% to Eagle Valley.
- Claire Galed – Reiterating her question is there an argument of why it’s needed, other than economic reason
- Dennis Cowan and Joe Munem – Less Truck traffic, etc County Solid Waste Plan
- Claire Galed- says that they want their own transfer station as opposed to using someone elses transfer station – **Yes**.
- Mary Ann Ryan – Up to 10% from recycling? – **Yes**
- Steve Balagna – Clinton Valley Farms? What is it? Joe explains proposal in Macomb County
- Jean Gramlich – What is current location for 12 Communities waste?

- Kevin Kendall – Are there any legal issues with Pontiac entering into a host community agreement with Rizzo, since it already has one with Advanced Disposal? – Also, what is the capacity of the Brent Run Landfill?

Public Comment on proposal.

- Mary Pietila talks more about neighborhood and noise buffering, Class A commercial road trucks and buses.
- Billie Swazer – Citizen- read letter from Claudia Fuller, a former City of Pontiac DPW employee requesting delay in this until it can be investigated. Opposes because Pontiac already has all recycling services through Advanced Disposal every Saturday a recycling truck is provided in the parking lot of City Hall – and they also have a \$5.00 monthly fee curbside available as well.
- Tom Trice – DPW – Bloomfield Twp. Wonders if Rizzo has compost plan? - **NO**. Discussion of it says this creates competition – less cost, good for community
- Dennis Cowan – Back to presentation asks committee to move forward with the 90 day review period
- Mike Csapo – Takes exception; (1.) Not a full committee, (2.) Resolution language transfer / processing – recycling need to clarify and clean up language in the resolution.
- Steven Balagna – Can't / shouldn't do this without 14 members, Matt Gibb procedurally we can act on the public comment period timing significant – General Motors facility
- John Myers- Plan amendments rejected by DEQ for procedural questions
- Claire Galed – 1 week delay should be fine – Rizzo is getting some answers – language in resolution.
- Dennis Cowan – Will defer for 1 week
- Commissioner Robert Hoffman – Obligation to start process right to comment – 1 week delay to get questions answered.
- Mary Ann Ryan – Looking at Solid Waste Plan, is there capacity, what is it? Do we need this? Should be answered or presented at next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Hoffman adjourned the meeting at 3:05 P.M.

Deputy Clerk