



Albemarle County Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes



Thursday, May 11, 2023, 4-5:30 pm
County Office Building, 402 McIntire Rd
Room 235

SWAAC Meeting Minutes

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Attendance:

SWAAC: Christine Hirsh-Putnam, Peggy Gilges, Victoria Walsh, Betsey Soulsby, Kendall Dix, Margaret Eldridge, Jesse Warren, Annie White, Adam Gendell

SWAAC members absent: Teri Strother

Liaisons: Jim Andrews, Donna Price, Phil McKalips, Jamie Powers

Review agenda and approve - approved

Review April minutes and approve - approved

Announcements: Welcome Jamie Powers as the new SWAAC liaison

Guest: Matt Page, Lifecycle Organics

- Currently serving 35 houses and 2 schools
- Suggested giving tax breaks and/or other incentives to encourage local businesses to compost food waste
- Produce stickers are a problem, should mandate use of compostable stickers.

Action Items/Followup:

- Unanimously approved the rewording of objective 7 and the additional objectives of the Comp Plan Update SMM Goals and Objectives
- Discussed
 - Consolidation of work groups and meeting times - consolidate vision and operations committees

County Report Out:

- Phil gave an update on the opening of the southern convenience center

Planning & Vision Group:

- Lead: Peggy Gilges, Members: Peggy Gilges, Adam Gendell, Kendall Dix
- AC44 goals and objectives discussion
- Future meetings will be held on 1st Tuesday of each month 4-5pm

County & RSWA Operations Group- Decision was made to consolidate the planning and vision group with the operations group.

- Lead: Victoria Walsh, Members: Teri Kent, Victoria Walsh, Jesse Warren, Annie White

Outreach, Communication & Education Group:

- Lead: Christine Hirsh-Putnam, Members: Margaret Eldridge, Peggy Gilges, Betsey Soulsby
- School composting outreach/food and plastic waste- reported on progress with composting in ACPS. Discussed recognition for school champions. Need to advocate for using washable trays and utensils
- Need to look more carefully at recycling practices in the schools, perhaps focus on paper recycling
- Next meeting- the second Thursday of the month 5:30-6:30 at the COB room 235

New Business/Further Discussion:

- Present composting award at Mountainview elementary school. seek press for assembly?
- Consider youth members of SWAAC even if they are non-voting
- SWAAC membership and new chair(s)
 - Monty has resigned
 - acknowledging Jesse Warren's tenure 9 years, resigned
 - down to 10 members of 12 openings

Adjourn