

**Davidson County Solid Waste Regional Board**  
Minutes for September 16, 2019

The meeting of the Davidson County Solid Waste Regional Board was held on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM in the Sonny West Conference Center.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. John Sherman, Chairman, and roll call was taken. The following members were present: Heidi Campbell, Robert Diehl, Midori Lockett, Jeff McCormick, Beth Reardon, Jason Repsher and Lisa Smith.

Mr. Sherman welcomed new board members Ms. Lockett and Ms. Smith. During his remarks, Board Member Jennifer Hackett arrived.

The first order of business was the approval of minutes from the last meeting on May 21, 2019. A motion was made by Mr. Jeff McCormick and seconded by Ms. Midori Lockett to approve the minutes and the motion was passed unanimously.

Chairman Sherman then provided a brief overview of the process that lead up to development of the Long-term Solid Waste Master Plan which was presented at the last meeting and up for approval by the board at the current meeting. Sharon Smith, Assistant Director of Public Works, spoke briefly on the future implementation, particularly noting the flexibility of the plan.

Mr. Martin Sanford of CDM Smith then presented an overview of the plan:

- State of Solid Waste Management in Metro Nashville & Davidson County
  - MSW Waste landfilled, Recycled and Composted
  - C&D Waste Landfilled & Recycled
  - Breakdown of total Solid Waste
- Major Challenges
  - 20% controlled by Metro
  - Insufficient funding for education and compliance
  - Voluntary recycling
  - Limited options to landfilling food and C&D materials
- Setting Goals and Priorities
  - Adopting a zero waste philosophy
    - Minimize waste generation
    - Maximize landfill diversion
  - Priorities for meeting these goals
    - Strengthen public education
    - Build county-wide programs for recycling and organics diversion
    - Revive recovery programs for C&D waste
- Transitioning for disposal to Resource Management
- Critical Policy and Program Recommendations
- Four major diversion strategies
  - Save as you Throw
  - C&D Waste Deposit System
  - Franchise Collection
  - Enforcement of Bans and Mandatory Recycling

- Triple Bottom Line
- Flexibility in Implementation and Phases
- Recommendations for getting Started

Following the overview of the Plan, Martin Sanford provided a summary of the San Jose Wet/Dry commercial waste program. This program provides collection to 8,000 businesses through a single hauler and a private mixed waste MRF. Issues regarding wet/dry collection are the higher contamination rates and cost for sorting/removing contamination. There were questions throughout both presentations from members of the Board.

There was a brief discussion on amendments to the last draft of the Plan. Board members were provided a list of all amendments to the Plan based on public and Board comments. Mr. Jeff McCormick made a motion to approve the amendments and it was seconded by Ms. Lisa Smith.

Chairman Sherman then asked the Board if there was a motion to adopt the Long-term Zero Waste Master Plan. Mr. Robert Diehl made the motion which was seconded by Ms. Lisa Smith and the motion was approved without opposition.

Chairman Sherman then stated that while the Board did not have a direct role in implementation, he would like to arrange a meeting with Mayor Cooper to discuss the importance of the Plan and seek support. He also requested that the Board meet more frequently to get updates and support Public Works staff efforts.

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn by Ms. Beth Reardon seconded by Ms. Midori Lockett and it was passed unanimously.