

**GENESEE COUNTY SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 2012**

The Genesee County Solid Waste Management Planning Commission met at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 16, 2012, in the Conference Room of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC), 1101 Beach Street, Room 223, Flint, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Brake, City of Grand Blanc, City Manager, Chairman
Mike Csapo, RRASSOC, General Manager
Fred Domine, Montrose Township, Clerk
Rebecca Fedewa, Flint River Watershed Coalition
Amy Freeman-Rosa, Enviroworld
Jason Gagne, Republic Waste Services - Hauling
Patrick Gleason, Genesee County Commissioner
Dan Gudgel, Brent Run Landfill
Julie Hinterman, GCMPC
Jacky King, Harvesting Earth Educational Farm
Holly Lubowicki, Keep Genesee County Beautiful
John Morressey, Great Lakes Recycling
Bob Thornton, Citizen's Landfill, Vice-Chairperson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bernie Scibienski, Landaal Packaging

OTHERS PRESENT: Derek Bradshaw, GCMPC
Steve Essling, Waste Management
John Gall, Waste Management
Alberta Gunsell, GCMPC
Ann Marie Kerby, GCMPC
Joseph Madore, Richfield Township Supervisor
Nate Scramlin, GCMPC

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Brake called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were done at this time.

II. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No one spoke at this time.

III. **Minutes of January 19, 2012**

Chairperson Brake asked for corrections/additions to the January 19, 2012, regular meeting.

Action Taken: Motion by Mr. Thornton, supported by Ms. Fedewa, to approve the minutes of January 19, 2012 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IV. **Genesee County Recycling Assessment & Strategies**

Mr. Scramlin reviewed the handout of the Genesee County Recycling Assessment & Strategies. The Solid Waste Plan was last done in 2002. The last rate study was completed in 2005. Staff has requested information from local waste haulers and received a lot of useful information to update the plan. In 2011 the countywide residential recycling rate was 17%. From 2005 to 2011 there has been a 200% increase in recycling. Discussion ensued. The committee was asked to review the Genesee County Recycling Assessment & Strategies and if there are any questions or suggestions to email staff.

V. **County Overview & Data Collection Draft Summary & Technical Report**

Ms. Kerby reviewed the first draft summary and technical report of the Solid Waste Plan, titled County Overview and Data Collection. The report looked at land use and socioeconomic projections. The database portion of the report analyzed waste generation numbers. The commercial waste generation Methodology was based on the Washtenaw County methodology. Staff needs to look at the possibility of increasing and decreasing imports and/or exports. Discussion ensued. The committee was asked to review at their leisure and email questions or suggestions to Ms. Kerby.

VI. **Public Needs Assessment & Working Session**

Ms. Kerby stated that at the March 15th Solid Waste meeting, staff will be presenting the results and evaluation of the Public Needs Assessment Survey. Staff will also conduct a working session with the committee to gain valuable insight on deficiencies in the solid waste system and possible solutions to those problems. That meeting is expected to last 2 hours.

VII. **Timeline Progress**

Ms. Kerby stated that at the next meeting staff will be asking for approval on the first summary and technical report with any corrections being made. The second draft report will be available at the April meeting.

Announcements

Mr. Bradshaw advised the committee that Genesee County is going to digital recording of meeting minutes instead of the current paper minutes. The written minutes will be Action Items only. The recordings will be available for review.

Mr. Bradshaw also announced that this was Mr. Scramlin's last day with Genesee County. He will be working with the MEDC Michigan Economic Development Committee as a representative. If there are any questions on the new Solid Waste Plan they should contact Ms. Kerby.

The next scheduled meeting is March 15th.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Brake adjourned the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alberta Gunsell, Secretary