

SWAC Summary

August 9, 2007

Present: Mary Jean Hrbacek, Chair; Elrey Simon, Vice Chair; Wendy Ervin, Jan Ward, Janet O'Conner, Tami Ramsey, DOE; David Baker, MC staff

Minutes and agenda approved.

Updates from Staff, Members, DOE: The County Web site is being revised, and should be up with a new look by next meeting. Turn out at the County Fair was better than last year, and the County and City partnered to give away a rain barrel, a worm bin for food waste composting, and a compost bin (One prize each day). Clothing bins for donation to a non-profit have been added to the four County sites. Ecology will be reviewing grant applications, and the deadline for submittal is the week before the next SWAC.

Business: Vouchers update postponed. The **Solid Waste Management Plan** topic will also be postponed until next month. **Membership** several applications for the Committee have been received. The other members whose term has lapsed are aware they need to re-apply or step down. Staff will go before the Board of County Commissioners and make a recommendation on the applications to date, and will bring an update in September.

Grants for program funding are due to Ecology the first week of September. Tami recommends as much detail as possible in the applications, and if possible, a letter of support from the SWAC. This letter should be addressed to the Board, with a copy included in the application. There was discussion about the programs currently funded by grants from DOE. They include litter clean up (through the Sheriffs department), illegal dumping and enforcement, education and outreach for recycling and household hazardous wastes, and organics (yard debris, food waste). There was interest in expanding outreach efforts about hazardous materials, such as fluorescent lamps and batteries. Also, if there are changes to recycling programs, such as locations for blueboxes or curbside options, increasing publicity for this information would be welcome.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 13th at 6:00 PM in the Public Works Conference Room. Topics will include the Solid Waste Management Plan, Committee membership, an update on grants (if available), and fall clean up.