

SPU Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)



September 4, 2024, Meeting Summary
5:30 am – 7:30 am

*Chair: Aleema Gray
Co-Chair: Joe Camero
Secretary: Caitlin Singer*

Committee Members	Present	SPU Staff /Guests	Role
Joe Camero	Y	Casey Colley	SPU – SWAC Program Coordinator
Melanie Coerver	Y	McKenna Morrigan	SPU – Strategic Advisor, Waste Prevention & Product Stewardship
Tareq Fayyad	Y	Stephanie Schwenger	SPU- Planning, Performance & Analytics Manager
Aleema Gray	Y	Veronica Fincher	SPU- Waste Prevention Planning and Grants
Caitlin Singer	Y	Fatima Krubally	SPU- Administrative Staff Analyst
Wendy Weiker	N	Katie Jerauld	Guest-Ecology
Lisa Watkins	Y	Katie Swanson	SPU – Solid Waste Lead Planner
Alissa Campbell	Y		
Shelly Crocker	Y		
Erin Gagnon	Y		
Paige Madden	Y		
Chelsey Evans	Y		
Yongkang (YK) Zhou	Y		
Karia Wong	Y		

1. Welcome & Introductions

- The meeting commenced at 5:30 pm, with members, staff, and guests introducing themselves, stating their organization affiliation, and an Icebreaker.
- Members approved last month's meeting minutes.

2. Solid Waste Metrics for Annual Reporting Draft Presentation

- Stephanie and McKenna presented the new solid waste data metrics for the waste generated by residents and businesses in Seattle. They discussed how success will be measured in the future using five priorities and emphasized the utilization of waste prevention planning and implementation of policies and programs to reduce waste.

3. Waste Prevention Strategic Planning Initiative Presentation

- Veronica presented the Solid Waste Plan Update to define metrics and targets related to waste prevention. The presentation measures triple bottom-line environmental, economic, and societal improvements.

- SWAC members were prompted with a question about what our daily lives might look like in the future, where waste prevention is a way of life. The members provided ideas on the future success of their initiatives and the conditions necessary for their success.

4. Ecology Updates (Presented by Katie Jerauld)

- Ecology will be launching a \$10 million grant program for organizations working to improve air quality in overburdened communities. The application period is from August 29th- October 24th.
- There have been a few changes to the 2024 Organic Management Law.
- Ecology is working on a compost document ordinance reporting form.

5. Around the Table

- Just a reminder that the Artist Residence Program event will take place on Friday, September 6th.
- National Cleanup Day is scheduled for September 21st and will be conducted in various locations.
- On September 21st, the Tiith Alliance Farm Fest is taking place. The plan is to have compost resources and reuse food for the community during the event.