

**Solid Waste Advisory Committee
November 19, 2001**

Executive Summary

I. Call to Order and Announcements

Councilor McLain

Approval of Minutes: one amendment; Mr. Kampfer motioned to move the minutes; Mr. Korot seconded the motion; minutes passed as corrected.

II. REM Director's Update

Terry Petersen

- Metro is accepting applications for matching grants for organics infrastructure.
- Metro is working with the City of Portland on an agreement to operate the gas collection system at the KFD landfill in return for a lease of property next to the St. Johns Landfill.
- The State Tire Recycling Task Force had their first meeting. Janet Matthews represents Metro on the Task Force.

III. Metro Green Ribbon Committee

Councilor McLain

The Green Ribbon Committee has been charged with selecting Metro open spaces for development into parks and trails and also to recommend a funding mechanism. Their final report to Council will be December 6. Councilor McLain, John Donovan and Jeff Stone described the process and preliminary recommendations of the Committee. There was extensive discussion about the Committee's preliminary recommendation of increasing the solid waste excise tax to fund development. The Green Ribbon Committee recommends raising \$60 million for parks over either 5 or 8 to 10 years; this most likely will be referred to the voters. SWAC member comments generally opposed using the solid waste excise tax as the funding mechanism.

IV. Regional System Fee Credit Program Working Group

Terry Petersen

A sub-committee of SWAC will be formed to recommend changes to the Regional System Fee Credit Program to Council by March. The Committee is encouraged to make the program administratively simpler, more effective in terms of waste reduction goals and reduce administrative cost. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting, but only members of the sub-committee can vote. Each SWAC membership category should nominate a representative.

Mr. Lucini motioned to add a category for end-users. Ms. Schafer seconded the motion. After discussion by the committee, the motion passed 15 – 3.

Mr. Vince Gilbert motioned to add a category for non-vertically integrated recycling facilities. Mr. Murray seconded the motion. The motion failed; 2 in favor, 3 opposed, 6 abstentions.

The sub-committee will report back to SWAC at the February meeting.

V. Other Business and Adjourn

Councilor McLain

- An updated membership list will be distributed at the next meeting. There are several vacancies, particularly citizen vacancies that need to be filled.
- SWAC's 2002 work plan will be determined at the next meeting; SWAC members are encouraged to come with ideas.
- Meeting adjourned.