

Council Solid Waste Committee Meeting

January 29, 1987

5:30 p.m. - Room 330

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:
Jim Gardner, Tom DeJardin,
Gary Hansen and Sharron Kelley

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Becky
Crockett, Analyst; Debbie
Allmeyer, Analyst; Dennis
Mulvihill, Waste Reduction
Manager, Judith Mandt,
Transition Team; Tor Lyshaug,
Acting Solid Waste Director,
Eleanor Baxendale, Legal
Counsel; Bob Applegate, Public
Affairs; Vickie Rucker, Public
Affairs; Dick Engstrom, Acting
Deputy Executive Officer,
Randi Wexler, Analyst, Dave
Luneke, Engineer

OTHERS: Jack Deines, Judy
Dehen, Sierra Club; Clare
Green (and Clark Green); Harry
Bodine, and (Bob Buckingham).

Jim Gardner opened the meeting at approximately 5:40 p.m. announcing that Becky Crockett would explain the staff analysis of the Alternative Technical Siting.

Becky Crockett covered the items listed on the sheet entitled FACTS, which she distributed to all attendees. Debbie Allmeyer explained the process in regards to technical feasibility, economic impact, and the manner in which each proposer addresses the state priorities associated with solid waste disposal methods. Debbie Allmeyer also discussed the A. T. site evaluation process, stating that Becky Crockett and Randi Wexler would be the Solid Waste staff assigned to look at specifics in the proposal relating to sites. The basic information was included in a hand-out summarizing the A. T. analysis and options.

Eleanor Baxendale explained functional planning and why it would not work for A. T. and how to change functional planning legislatively. Current schedule does not allow time for functional planning.

Becky presented and briefly explained the chart that Dave Luneke put together which illustrates the four siting options, their timeframes and issues concerning each option. Discussion

followed. The Legislative Committee has requested the committee's recommendation to the Council.

Dick Engstrom was at the meeting representing Rena Cusma. Tor Lyshaug was presented to the Council Committee as the Acting Director of Solid Waste. Mr. Engstrom stated that Ms. Cusma is supportive of option 1; further stating that she does not support super siting for the following reasons:

1. Functional planning is the preferred route because of its local emphasis. That is where the issue belongs and that is where the decisions ought to be made.
2. It places the agency in a very authoritarian position and other methods at the present time are still available:
3. The public lacks confidence in the ability to effect importance decisions at the local level. Super siting will reinforce that attitude.
4. This is probably not a power the legislature will grant to Metro. When it was previously requested, the legislature turned it down.

Futher stating the Executive Officer's comments, Mr. Engstrom said that the executive officer supports legislative changes if they become necessary. First, however, Metro should seek the assistance of LCDC in carrying out the provisions of the existing authority to effect functional planning compliance by local jurisdictions.

In terms of resource recovery and WTRC, the Executive Officer supports continuance of the original plan for both processes.

Judith Mandt clarified Rena Cusma's position on involving LCDC.

Discussion regarding the timeframes and possibility of opposition involved with the various options continued.

It was suggested that next meeting be set in approximately two weeks to present a solid waste legislative package regarding Metro's bonding authority and the results of discussions with LCDC on their assisting Metro with siting. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.