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MINUTES OF THE METRO COUNCIL SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

July 19, 1994

Council Chamber

Committee Members Present: Ruth McFarland (Chair), Sandi Hansen, Judy Wyers

Committee Members Absent: Roger Buchanan (Vice Chair), Susan McLain, Rod Monroe

1. Consideration of July 5, 1994 Solid Waste Committee Meeting Minutes

Chair McFarland deferred action on the minutes due to lack of a quorum.

2. Solid Waste Updates

• General Staff Reports

Chair McFarland entered into the record additional letters from citizens which had been received subsequent to the last Solid Waste Committee meeting relating to the changes in Forest Grove tonnage flow to Columbia Ridge.

Bob Martin, Director of the Solid Waste Director, said he had no updates to present.

He said Riverbend did have an application pending, and said in the interim they had requested a non-system license, which Mr Martin said Metro had agreed to give. He noted should they become a designated facility, the non-system license would terminate.

Mr. Martin said a user fee would be collected if charges were levied for disposal of material.

Chair McFarland requested a report on the matter in the near future.

Roosevelt Carter, Budget and Finance Manager, Solid Waste Department, responded to a question from the Chair regarding increases in tonnage. He said he believed tonnage was up due to economic trends.

In response to Councilor Hansen, Mr. Martin said a substantial amount of increase should be experienced in construction and demolition debris recovery in 1994.

3. Staff Report Concerning 1993 Recycling Levels in the Metro Region

Debbie Gorham, Waste Reduction Division Manager, referenced a document entitled, "Metro Recycling and Recovery Level Survey, 1993" dated July 1994. This document has been made a part of the permanent meeting record.

Ms. Gorham highlighted information contained in the report, and said key findings included a recovery level for the Metro region of 42% of waste generated in 1993 and a recycling level of 38% in 1993 compared to 39% in 1992. She said a leveling off in non-residential recycling, a more accurate accounting of post-consumer waste, and changes in data collection methods attributed to the new figures as well as increases in some recycled materials offset by reduction in others.

Ms. Gorham noted a 20% increase in tons collected for curbside recycling programs, and said the largest increases in recycling were in yard debris, 45% to 65%, gypsum and wood.

Ms. Gorham discussed the Division's conclusions and recommendations, which were included at the end of the report.

Chair McFarland asked about the supply of compost bins at the local level. Ms. Gorham said PacWest, the supplier, was busy supplying dealerships locally, and said individual dealerships could obtain more bins.

Councilor Wyers asked that an additional recommendation be added to the report. She said the recommendations in the report should contain a statement that Metro was going to continue to work on commercial recycling as well.

Ms. Gorham noted the report had already been finalized, produced and distributed along with a news release. She said an addendum could be prepared to amend the report.

Councilor Wyers asked Ms. Gorham to bring the report to the body prior to release to the general public in order that the policy setting body might have the opportunity to make recommendation should it so desire.

4. Committee Review of the Renewal of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office for Enforcement and Illegal Dumpsite Cleanup Services

Mr. Martin noted the renewal agreement of the IGA with the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office for Enforcement and Illegal Dumpsite Cleanup Services contained the same provisions, functions, responsibilities and staffing as before.

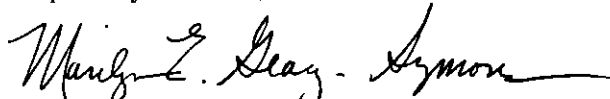
Sam Chandler, Facilities Manager, commented the focus had been on small illegal dumpers. He said the officers were in the area asking residents to provide information, and said follow up had occurred resulting in cleanups. Mr. Chandler said the information was being processed through Metro successfully. He said a problem with finding substances under the purview was a continuing problem. He noted Mark Sanchez, KOIN TV, Channel 6, had spent an entire day with the division and noted such illegal activity could end up on the evening news. Mr. Chandler reported the program was operating successfully across the board.

In response to Councilor Hansen, Mr. Chandler said \$263,000 had been identified in fees owed to Metro and said approximately \$65,000 had been collected.

Mr. Martin commented that in addition to direct collections of avoided user fees, a fairly substantial component of user fees were being collected that might not have been collected if people didn't know there might be a consequence for violating the user fee ordinances. He expressed confidence that the program was paying for itself.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Committee Recorder