

SPU Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)



December 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 Cover	Y	Pam Johnson	SPU- Hazardous Waste Liaison & Policy Advisor
Tareq Fayyad	N	Angela Wallis	SPU- Development Review Supervisor
Aleema Gray	Y	Susan Fife-Ferris	SPU- Solid Waste Planning and Program Manager
Caitlin Singer	Y	Katie Jerauld	Guest-Ecology
Wendy Weiker	Y	Katie Swanson	SPU – Solid Waste Lead Planner
Lisa Watkins	Y	Jeff Fowler	SPU-Solid Waste Line of Business Deputy Director
Alissa Campbell	Y	Tim Croll	Guest
Shelly Crocker	N		
Erin Gagnon	Y		
Paige Madden	Y		
Chelsey Evans	Y		
Yongkang (YK) Zhou	Y		
Karia Wong	Y		

Nov Mtg Notes Approval (9 ayes)

- Aleema Gray (Chair)
- Caitlin Singer (Secretary)
- Chelsey Evans
- Paige Madden
- Melanie Coerver
- Alissa Campbell
- Lisa Watkins
- Erin Gagnon
- Wendy Weiker
- 0 Nays

- 0 abstains

Updates to SMC Land Use Code

Angela Wallis (SPU Development Review Supervisor)

- Want to update so that it reflects current zoning and density
- Objective: make permitting process more clear and safer for drivers
- Only for new construction, major modifications, and changes in use
- Proposed update categories:
 - Zones and development types
 - Clarity and definitions
 - Safety and efficiency
- Zones and development types
 - Include more developments and zones
 - If successful, all zones in city will be a part of review
 - Require buildings with major expansions or improvements (>5k sq ft) to comply w/ storage and access requirements to ensure adequate solid waste storage and efficient collections
- Clarity and definitions
 - Clarify slope maximums for dumpster staging and service. Level = 2% for dumpsters with compacted materials or larger than 2 cubic yards to improve safety.
 - Define 'direct access' per industry and Seattle standards
 - Clarify that the drivers reposition 3 and 4 cubic yard containers (do not push)
 - Clarify that the drivers do not touch or move any container with compacted materials
- Safety and efficiency
 - 12' of approach for each compactor so trucks can maneuver with min 2' between them
- Timeline
 - Currently on draft #31
 - Nov/Dec - consider revisions based on input
 - Jan - prepare ordinance for legislative process
 - Feb (ish) - transmission to city council
- SWAC's role
 - Additional ideas
 - Letter of support. Submit to:
 - SPU leadership
 - SDCI
 - City Council
 - Mayor's office (?)
- SWAC member asks about future infrastructure having lighter duty options (electric and/or smaller) so as not to rely on large, heavy haulers.
 - Response: The code is not the place to discuss this specific topic, need flexibility to keep up with the market. Haulers are piloting electric trucks. It all comes down to batteries. Electric vehicles can't go, say, 800 stops without recharging. There is no larger

infrastructure to support electric vehicles. Decreases efficiency. Seattle needs large trucks for efficiency. There is also a price to those more innovative trucks, so it involves a major commitment from haulers, communities, etc. EVs proven to be unreliable with snow and hills. We need reliable, fuel efficient, and least environmentally impactful vehicles.