

Sustainability Working Group (SWG)

Draft Minutes: September 25, 2023 (in person)

Attending: Ralph Harder (recorder)

Ben Lounsbury
Silver Moore-Leamon
Camille Parrish
Sasha Goodwin

Excused: Tim MacLeod

Jaye Rich
Sharon Benoit

Guest: Jane Costlow

Agenda Items:

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the September 11, 2023 meeting were approved unanimously.

2. F/U recycling pilot proposal

We've had no response from City Manager to comments we were asked to submit on the Mayor's proposal. Nor was there mention of our comments in the Sun Journal article reporting discussion and approval of the pilot study by the City Council. Members expressed frustration with a sense that citizen groups are feeling marginalized with the current structure - SNRB/Working Groups

We will reach out to Phil Crowell again with specific questions:

- Has Casella agreed to a pilot study?
- If so, when will it start and end, which Auburn wards will participate, what questions is the study designed to answer, what data will be collected and by whom?
- How will study outcomes inform timeline and content of solid waste RFP?

- How and when will SWG be involved with writing of RFP?

3. How to engage public in recycling issues

General discussion of use of newspaper or public forums conducted by Working Groups/SNRB. We will research this further.

4. Next Meeting

October 10th, 5pm. in small room next to Community Room. Future 2023 meetings now posted in City Calendar