

CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BOARD

Cherry Island Landfill

April 5, 2006

Notes

The first meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Board (CAB) commenced at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Cherry Island Landfill Office. Pat Canzano, Chief Operating Officer for the Delaware Solid Waste Authority (DSWA) made introductions. Mr. Canzano acknowledged that Mr. Gerald Brady planned to attend but had to cancel due to illness.

Attendees:

CAB

Marvin Thomas (representing Senator Henry)

Tom Mitten (representing New Castle County Executive's Office)

DSWA

Pat Canzano

Tom Houska

Robin Roddy

Angela DiFrancesco

Pam Williamson

Dept. of Natural Resources & Environmental Control

Nancy Marker

Robert Hartman

Cherry Island Landfill Overview

Pat Canzano started the meeting with an overview of how and why the CAB was formed. The DSWA applied to the Dept. of Natural Resources & Environmental Control (DNREC) for a permit to expand the Cherry Island Landfill (CIL). On January 6, 2006 DNREC issued Permit SW-06/01 to increase the height at CIL. Condition 1.6.a of the Permit is the establishment of a CAB composed of residents who live within five miles of the CIL. The members of the CAB as set forth in the Permit are representatives selected by (a) the Senator representing the district adjacent to NSWMC-2 (currently Senatorial District #2); (b) the Representative representing the district adjacent to the NSWMC-2 (currently Representative District #2); (c) Wilmington City Council; (d) Wilmington Mayor's office; (e) New Castle County Executive; (f) New Castle County Council; and (g) the Governor of Delaware. DNREC saw the creation of the CAB as a benefit to the community to try to alleviate concerns of the citizens and as a forum for the representatives to listen to the facts and pass the information onto the community.

Mr. Canzano stated that the biggest issue for DSWA has been odors. DSWA's biggest challenge has been to eliminate odors from the landfill. A round table group had been established by the state to study odors in the 495 corridor. It was a good study that identified all the key industries in the area and the potential odors associated with them. DSWA and their gas system contractor have made many modifications and upgrades to the landfill gas system and have alleviated a lot of the problems.

Robin Roddy, CIL Facility Manager, gave a PowerPoint presentation (copy attached) on the landfill. Improvements in the CIL gas collection system have resulted in tripling the amount of landfill gas collected since June 2003 (8.5 million cubic feet per day).

Discussion

Mr. Canzano told the group about the Governor's Solid Waste Management Technical Working Group (SWMTWG) that is investigating alternative technology to serve Delaware. The SWMTWG will be issuing a report in May 2006.

DSWA is encouraging more recycling through both its Curbside Program and by other waste haulers partnering programs.

Yard waste will be banned from CIL January 1, 2007. DSWA is notifying haulers and developing public education programs to alert the public and to give homeowners suggestions for home composting.

Mr. Thomas said that DSWA and DNREC need to do a better job informing the community of what is happening at the landfill.

Mr. Mitten thought that there was a need to address the public's perception of DSWA and even DNREC in regards to the landfill. He suggested that DSWA be proactive when dealing with the community. Mr. Houska touched on some of the programs that DSWA does in the school systems. Mr. Mitten felt it was the right time to move public relations in a different direction now that DSWA has the permit.

Administrative support for the CAB will be provided by DSWA. Future agenda items can be submitted to Pam Williamson at prw@dswa.com.

The CAB members decided to submit an annual report to DSWA, DNREC, and the public entities that selected them.

Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Charter

The group discussed, commented on, and approved a Charter (copy attached). A meeting schedule was presented (copy attached). Meeting schedules, agendas, and notes will be placed on DSWA's website.