



SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

City Council Chambers, 33 East Broadway Avenue Meridian, Idaho
 Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 4:00 PM

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Meeting Minutes

VIRTUAL MEETING: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OqDm7eyLw5w>

ROLL-CALL ATTENDANCE

Present	Andy Arriaga	Present	Megan Larsen	Present	Bethany Guajardo
Present	James Leckie (Youth)	Present	Scott Walters		
Present	Mark Nelson	Present	Steve Cory		
Present	Rachele Klein, Republic Services Ex-Officio				

MEETING BROUGHT TO ORDER: 4:02p

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: March 27, 2024 agenda approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES [ACTION ITEM]

- February 28, 2024 meeting minutes approved.

STAFF PROGRAM REPORT

- Bulky Item Program (Staff Schultz)**
 Staff Schultz reviewed the bulky item service criteria with SWAC. There are 10 free items allowed per year. Freon appliances still have a service fee. Residents can call or go online to request a pickup from Republic. Plastic bags must be placed in a container. For 2024, there still is the Winter Extra Trash Collection event, but it has been modified.
- Monthly Presentation: Solid Waste Management System and Partners (Staff Schultz)**
 Staff Schultz outlined how the solid waste management system works in Meridian and the partners that help maintain the system. The partners include the collection and hauling company (owned by Republic Services), the Meridian Transfer Station (owned by Republic Services), Ada County Landfill (owned by Ada County), the Material Recycling Facility (owned by Republic Services), and the Organic Recycling Facility (owned by Timber Creek Recycling).
- HHW Program Updates (Staff Schultz)**
 Clean Earth will still be the contractor for the collection of HHW until the end of May. At which point the ACLF will find a new contractor to step in until the end of FY24. Ada

County is also going out to bid on the HHW contract for FY25. Services are not excepted to be disrupted during this transition.

OLD BUSINESS [ACTION ITEMS]

5. Grant Subcommittee Updates (Commissioner Larsen)

The existing application material were reviewed and adjustments in the wording need to be made. The awarded grant total that the subcommittee recommends for FY25 would be \$5,000 from the CRF. The subcommittee would like to: approve the updated materials at the April SWAC meeting, have an application window between May and July, seek approval from Council, and be ready to proceed in October. Motion was made for SWAC to request the authorization of \$5,000 to be used in FY25 for grant awarding. Motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS [ACTION ITEMS]

6. Recycle a Bicycle 2024 Event (Commissioner Nelson)

Staff will help with purchasing of bike tool supplies. Tuesdays, 4:30pm at the MTS is when SWAC members can help fix bikes. Registration will close April 26th. 50 bikes are the max SWAC members would be able to fix by the Unplug and Be Outside event.

STAKEHOLDER UPDATES

No updates from Republic Services.

ADJOURNMENT: 4:38 pm