

**Public Works Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)**

*February 17, 2004*

*Public Works Conference Room*

**REVISED**

**CAC Representatives Present**

Dr. Harold Cones

Ms. Kathy Dennehey

Ms. Lois Custer

Ms. Sharyn Fox

Ms. Sharron Kitchen Miller

Mr. Gus Owens

Ms. Annistine Patrick

Ms. Artistine Reid

Mr. Ben Whanger

**Mr. Arthur Keyes**

**CAC Representatives Absent**

Ms. Lindsey Bateman

~~Mr. Arthur Keyes~~

**Public Works Representatives**

Dori Brown, Solid Waste Division

Reed Fowler, Administration Division

Susan Smith Hogue, Solid Waste Division

**Call to Order**

5:35 p.m.

**January 20, 2004 Meeting Minutes**

A motion was passed to approve the meeting minutes as submitted.

**Solid Waste Bulk Collection by Appointment Study**

Upon review of the bulk waste collection study by the CAC members, Dr. Cones made a motion to support the bulk waste collection by appointment system. The motion was put to the floor for discussion of the pros and cons of a call in appointment system.

It was requested that staff provide an explanation of specific cost savings associated with a call in system, however Ms. Hogue explained that it was not possible to provide such a dollar amount because bulk waste collection is very seasonal. Instead the conversion to a call in appointment system should be viewed as cost containment/cost avoidance, but not cost savings. The City of Newport News continues to grow through development but the number of trucks/drivers remains the same.

The CAC discussed issues such as the length of time from when an appointment is made to when the actual collection occurs, the process of explaining what bulk items will be placed curbside,

perceived level of service, perceived level of inconvenience, elderly or disabled citizens with special needs, and the efficiency of the current bulk waste collection method. Based on the information prepared by the Public Works Department, in comparison to other Hampton Road communities offering bulk waste collection, only Newport News and Hampton do not require a call in appointment system.

Once discussion was completed, Dr. Cones motioned that the CAC recommend to City Council that the City of Newport News convert to a bulk waste collection by appointment system. A vote of 5-3 (with one abstention) passed in support of the call in appointment system.

Reed requested that the CAC prepare a collaborative statement addressing their recommendation and the logic supporting their vote. Ms. Fox will compose this statement with Ms. Brown assisting as needed. A draft will be forwarded to the CAC for review.

### **Proposed Action Plans**

The next topic of review for the CAC will be the street sweeping issue. Public Works staff will prepare a report detailing and comparing the street sweeping programs in neighboring Hampton Roads communities and how they address challenging problems such as alternate parking and obstacles preventing adequate sweeping. A report will be mailed out to the CAC for discussion at the March meeting.

### **Bylaws Revision**

A motion made by Ms. Dennehey was passed to accept the revisions to the bylaws in regards to officer terms not superceding the length of term appointments.

### **Other**

Ms. Custer informed the CAC of the successful North Star business beautification program in the north end of the City and of an upcoming citywide youth clean up event on April 17. Mr. Owens reiterated the importance for the CAC members to take into account the elderly in their recommendations, and it was suggested that a representative from the Mayor's Committee on Disabilities attend a future CAC meeting.

### **Meeting adjourned**

7:00 p.m.

### **Next Meeting Date**

Tuesday, March 16, 2004