



Albemarle County

Legislation Text

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TITLE:

Revised Charge for Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Approve revised charge for the Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee

ITEM TYPE: Consent Action Item

STAFF CONTACT(S): Walker, Letteri, Kamptner, Henry, Harper

PRESENTER (S): None

LEGAL REVIEW: Not Required

REVIEWED BY: Douglas C. Walker

BACKGROUND: The Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee (Committee) was established by the Board of Supervisors at its March 2, 2016 meeting as a standing advisory committee. The Committee's charge is to develop sustainable materials management policies for consideration by the Board, with an initial focus on public education and engagement related to waste reduction, materials reuse, recycling and composting, greenhouse gas reduction, and waste disposal.

Over the course of its first year, the capacity of the Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee to expand its focus has exceeded original expectations. In order to better reflect the evolved Committee and solid waste program, staff has drafted a revision of the charge (Attachment A) for consideration by the Board of Supervisors.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Natural Resources Stewardship: Thoughtfully protect and manage Albemarle County's ecosystems and natural resources in both the rural and development areas to safeguard the quality of life of current and future generations; Quality Government Operations: Ensure County government's capacity to provide high quality service that achieves community priorities.

DISCUSSION: The original Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee charge (Attachment B) was developed under the assumption that a Sustainable Materials Management Coordinator position would be created in the Facility and Environmental Services (FES) Department in FY 17. Further, the original charge contemplated that any modifications to the scope of the committee subsequent to this position being filled should be approved by the Board.

The County did not fund the envisioned Sustainable Materials Management Coordinator position in either FY 17 or FY 18; however, existing FES staff collectively has been able to provide a limited level of support to the Committee's initiatives. Moreover, Committee members have dedicated substantial time outside of the monthly meetings to advance Committee interests and initiatives and have consequently reached a place where the Committee is in a position to investigate and discuss additional topics beyond education and engagement.

To fully capture and better reflect the evolution of the Committee and current state of the solid waste program, staff has drafted a revision of the original charge (Attachment A). The revised charge retains the Committee's current responsibilities, while acknowledging the expansion of the County's future solid waste objectives as envisioned by the Board. The revised charge contains four significant changes:

1. Removal of the emphasis on education as lone primary focus;
2. Clarifies the responsibility to provide policy recommendations to the Board;
3. Includes the consideration of the optimal location for the Coordinator position if and when it is funded, and;
4. Modifies the Committee membership by specifying that staff are not voting members.

BUDGET IMPACT: There would be no budget impact as a result of changes to the charge.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend that the Board approve the revisions to the SWAAC charge as described by the attached original and revised versions of the charge.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Revised charge of the Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee
- B. Original charge of the Solid Waste Alternatives Advisory Committee