

askHRgreen.org | FOG Education Committee Meeting Summary
Tuesday, August 20, 2019
HRPDC – Chesapeake

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 Tom Fauber, JCSA
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 Chad Krejcarek, PQ
 Sue Reznak, Schier Products
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The summary for the meeting is as follows:

1. Meeting Summary

The July meeting summary was reviewed and approved.

ACTION: Meeting summary approved.

2. askHRgreen.org Events

9/12	Isle of Wight County Fair	Windsor
9/14	Community Engagement Event @ VB Sportsplex	Virginia Beach
9/28	Bow Creek Block Party	Virginia Beach
10/5	<i>Autumn Fest/Arbor Day Celebration*</i>	<i>Chesapeake</i>
10/10 - 10/13	Peanut Festival	Suffolk
10/12	Lynnhaven River Now Fall Festival	Virginia Beach
10/21-10/24	Newport News Ship Building Health and Safety Expo	Newport News
2/8 - 2/9	Hampton Roads Home Show*	Hampton
4/4 - 4/5	Daffodil Festival	Gloucester

Volunteers are needed for Autumn Fest in Chesapeake and Lynnhaven River Now Fall festival.

Trailer repairs update - Suffolk Public Utilities was able to fix electrical issue with trailer.

Action: Committee members should reserve trailer early for any upcoming events.

3. Brochures & Printed Materials

The following materials were made available for pickup: 5,000 sink strainers, 2,500 can lids, yellow grease rack cards, and BMP brochures. Reusable bags are expected to arrive in September.

The Committee did not have any additional print or promotional material needs at this time.

Action: None.

4. FOG Certification Site & Commercial Outreach

HRPDC staff provided an updated on website maintenance and enhancements. Top priorities include correcting report time out errors, the ability to add a business listing during profile

creation, and continued development for fully responsive mobile design. The reporting timeout error seems to be connected to database size as it is working properly in the testing environment.

The Committee reviewed the draft hauler letter. The letter will be sent via email to all certified haulers using a newsletter format. Amanda Albright provided some edits to the content, particularly clarifying that the disposal destination be unknown at the time of pumping and that not all plants receive FOG waste. HRSD will also have a new website for commercial customers to include in the newsletter. The new pages will launch in the next few weeks.

Action: HRPDC staff will continue to work on website enhancements. HRPDC staff will distribute an updated copy of the hauler letter for final Committee approval.

5. FOG MOA

HRPDC staff provided an update on the status of the FOG MOA. The finalized document has been presented to the Directors of Utilities and accepted. Smithfield was the first locality to officially adopt the MOA. Many others are in progress but require action by the city manager and council. HRPDC staff will continue to check in regularly with DUCs at their monthly meeting to track the approval process.

Action: HRPDC staff will work with Directors of Utilities to get approvals for the FOG MOA.

6. Roundtable

- Norfolk – solids separators for groomers, coffee shops, laundry mats, etc., focusing on downtown area, yellow grease container labeling effort, real estate management and HOAs including FOG info in leases
- Chesapeake – interviews are taking place for the FOG inspector positions
- HRSD – direct connections that aren't inspected by localities can be included with efforts to manage the small locality connections, send Amanda any known direct connections and inspection history, Amanda can provide list of known direct connections
- Poquoson – working to identify staff to perform FOG inspections (possibly building inspectors), currently requiring HRFOG certification for restaurant staff but there is no active enforcement effort
- Schier products manufacturing rep, Sue Reznak, spoke with the Committee about sizing standards, confusion from the private sector on sizing standards and who to contact for final approvals on proper sizing, meeting with localities to have a better understanding of local processes to assist customers in determining the proper size (free to customers), developed grease monkey sizing tool which is available online for free.

Action: None

7. Staff Reports

Budget - FY20 budget was reviewed.

Digital Marketing Report - HRPDC staff provided an overview of July's digital marketing report.

Action: None

Next Meeting – The next meeting will fall on the same day as the All Hands Meeting. HRPDC staff will notify the Committee if the meeting is cancelled. Otherwise, please plan to attend the September 17, 2019 FOG Committee meeting at 9:30 at HRPDC in Chesapeake. Note this is a location change from Newport News to Chesapeake. The All Hands Meeting will take place on September 17, 2019 at noon at HRPDC in Chesapeake. Lunch will be provided so please RSVP and include any dietary restrictions.