

askHRgreen.org Fats, Oils, and Grease Education Subcommittee Meeting
Tuesday, March 16, 2021
Zoom conferencing or conference call

To protect the public health and safety of the Committee members and staff, the askHRgreen.org FOG Education Committee meeting was held electronically via Zoom. A recording of the meeting is available upon request.

Attendance:

Amanda Albright, HRSD
Chad Krejcarek, PQ
Jerry Hoddinott, CH
Regina Duncan, HA
Chelsey Daughtrey, SM
Cathy Filipowski, CH
Lindsay Dierks, NO

Thomas Fauber, JCSA
Amy Zieman, YK
Lacie Wever, HRSD
Jason Lee, CH
Tom Fauber, JCC
Katie Cullipher, HRPDC
Rebekah Eastep, HRPDC

The meeting summary was as follows:

1. Meeting Summary

The Committee reviewed the February meeting summary.

Action: The meeting summary was approved.

2. Events

The current list of events is as follows:

3/26 - 3/27	Great American Cleanup	Hampton Roads
4/10	Go Green Fest	York
6/12	Park Event	Virginia Beach
6/19	ERP RiverFest	TBD - Chesapeake

askHRgreen Recycling & Beautification Committee will host the Great American Cleanup, March 26-27. Small groups of volunteers are needed to assist with community cleanups. Registration is open now at askHRgreen.org.

Action: Volunteers are needed for the Great American Cleanup, March 26-27.

3. FY21 Campaigns

HRPDC staff reviewed the FY21 media schedule.

- Grease Grinch scheduled (11.23 - 12.06) – *completed*

- What Not to Flush (February 8-21) – The Committee reviewed the WNTF campaign results summary which reached over 5 million impressions. WNTF campaign page was the top visited page for the month on askHRgreen.org.

Action: None.

4. Printing & Promotional Materials

HRPDC staff can support education and outreach activities by providing promotional materials upon request. A portion of the FY21 promotional items budget went towards consultant fees for updating regional FOG documents (ordinance, sizing standards, etc.)

Items available for pickup:

- sludge judges/extensions (to those localities who requested them)
- “What Not to Flush” game magnets/magnet boards
- FOG coloring books
- WNTF stickers
- No grease stickers (large)
- No grease stickers (small) – *on order*

Action: Committee members may set up a date and time to pick up supplies as needed.

5. Local FOG Programs

The Committee discussed next steps for local FOG programs and opportunities to collaborate with representatives from VDHCD and VBCOA.

VDHCD and VBCOA

- The Committee reviewed a first draft of a newsletter article for the VBCOA quarterly newsletter.
- The Committee discussed focusing on managing a successful FOG program and interdepartmental collaboration.
- Include graphics, if possible, to break up the text and catch the eye.
- The workgroup will meet again to discuss changes to the article.

Seth Markwood with Thermaco, Inc. will present at next month’s meeting to discuss interceptor models including Big Dipper and Trapzilla.

Committee members should provide any updates on local approvals of the FOG GCD Enforcement MOA. Below is the link to the Google tracking doc for local implementation plans related to the updated model ordinance and GCD technical standards

- https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jjez5Jhdqc4dqunnWd_ZrkQL6b4vXeWznRzfBTXopk/edit#gid=0

Action: HRPDC staff will send out a Doodle poll for scheduling the newsletter workgroup meeting.

6. FOG Regional Website & Training Updates

The Committee finalized the FOG training documents and tests.

- Amanda observed a HGI self-cleaning and it took many trash bags/liners to empty the device.
- Added slide to demonstrate issue with concrete and epoxy-coated GCDs.
- Resources including the yellow grease rack card will be translated into Chinese and Spanish once finalized.

The Committee reviewed the new HGI Cleaning Guide rack card.

- Address changes to trash can/trash liners to be consistent with training.
- Change sizing to state “25 gpm and under”
- Other feedback was submitted sent via email.

CDM Smith continues to work on the enhancements list for HRFOG.com. HRPDC staff is in the process of procuring security certificates which will make HRFOG.com a secure website.

Action: HRFOG training documents and tests were finalized. HRPDC staff will continue to work with CDM Smith on HRFOG.com enhancements.

7. Roundtable & Public Comment

- HRSD -
 - Arizona FOG program does not allow dumpster disposal of self-cleaning contents. Instead, they require a brown grease container which must be pumped out like yellow grease.
 - Wastewater Treatment Plant updates
 - BEAST/CAMBI system at Atlantic Plant uses thermal hydrolysis to separate FOG and inject it back into the system at different points for beneficial use.
 - Chesapeake Elizabeth plant closing October 2021
 - Nansemond plant has Greasezilla for FOG receiving station.
 - Boat Harbor - full load FOG receiving station.

- Williamsburg - dedicated FOG receiving station; closing for 10-week cleaning/maintenance which may impact haulers.
 - Western States Alliance FOG Forum free trainings available
- Virginia Beach - Schier has new owner's manual with updated performance data: <https://schierproducts.com/literature/>; recommends Schier reps to attend upcoming meeting to discuss models with no flow control device; March 1st the plumbing Code changes were published: <https://www.iccsafe.org/about/news-and-events/2021-cah/>; Brent Werlein will attend hearing set for April to defend proposed plumbing code changes
- Chesapeake - need photographic support to use in educating City Council about FOG problems and why a FOG program is needed.
- Norfolk - working with Stormwater Department to identify and respond to oil/grease spills

Action: None.

8. Staff Reports

- *Budget* - The Committee reviewed the FY21 budget. Reserve funding used to purchase three-inch no grease sign stickers. About \$9,000 in reserves anticipated for FY21.
- *February Digital Marketing Report* – HRPDC staff provided the February Digital Marketing Report for review.

Action: None.

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, 2021.