

Sponsor: Public Health

Meeting Date: 3/19/2024

Title: Appointments to the Ad Hoc Solid Waste Advisory Committee

File Number: 2024-076

Background and Rationale:

State law requires that Ramsey County revise its Solid Waste Management Plan in 2024, with input from an advisory committee, the Ad Hoc Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

Committee members will provide input to the goals set forth in the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency’s Solid Waste Management Policy Plan, as well as additional county goals. Advisory committee input will inform what topics the county focuses on in its plan and how the county might approach this work in a way that best serves residents.

The advisory committee will function as a resource group and will participate in facilitated discussions to provide input on specific topics that may include:

- Waste reduction and reuse
- Recycling and trash management
- Food waste reduction and food scraps recycling
- The intersection between climate and waste management
- Advancing race and health equity through environmental justice

Interests of committee members will guide the direction of committee meetings. Committee members will discuss challenges, solutions and priorities and provide recommendations to the county on what to include in its Solid Waste Management Plan.

State and county requirements indicate that the advisory committee will consist of resident representatives, representatives from municipalities, representatives from private waste management firms and a representative from the county’s Community Health Services Advisory Committee. The Waste Reduction Advisory Committee will meet four times in spring of 2024 over the period of one month. Committee members may be sought for additional feedback for up to six months from time of appointment.

Applicants were recruited through county communication channels and with the help of municipalities, Trusted Messengers, cultural consultants, and other partners. There were 58 applicants for the committee. A review panel consisting of staff and community members selected 29 applicants to join the committee. The review process prioritized the selection of a diverse array of committee members that are reflective of the county’s demographics. A full list of proposed committee members is attached. An overview of the demographics of this group is as follows:

Race/Ethnicity	Percent
Asian	17%
Black	4%
Hispanic/Latinx	4%
American Indian/Alaska Native	4%

Other - Multi-ethnic 8%
White 63%

Age group **Percent**
Under 18 4%
18 - 25 0%
26 - 35 25%
36 - 55 33%
55+ 38%

No applicants in the 18 - 25 age group.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

Appoint the following members to the Ramsey County Ad Hoc Solid Waste Advisory Committee:
 Apple, Jill; Bakken, Noelle; Borzcik, Teresa; D’Alencar, Krystle; De La Torre, Fernanda; Dupre, Mary Jo; Eberhard, Michelle; Favila, Melissa; Flores, Terrence; Gurrola, Ellen; Haas, Sara; Hernandez, Cheryl; Holland, Matt; Koppen, Stacy; Liu, Timothy; Manning, Christine; Mitchell, Tisa; Moody, Chelsea; Osborne, Kathy; Pincuspy, Steve; Ristow, Jacob; Roost, Donna; Shah, Suhila; Thacker Muzzy, Nicole; Tkachuck, Joy; Vang, Pahoua; Walsh, Brendan; Wittenberg, Keith; and Wozniak, Joe.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner McGuire, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt.
 Motion passed.

Aye: - 7: Frethem, Martinson, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

By: 
 Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board