

**Clark County
Solid Waste Advisory Commission
Regular Meeting**

Thursday, March 5, 2015

Clark County Auto License Office
1408 Franklin Street
Vancouver, WA

SWAC Members Present: Don Ebbeson, Rem Wilson, Richard Baker, Simone Auger, Steven Willis, Stephen Schrag, and Bill Turlay

SWAC Members Excused: Allan Jeska and Brandon Vick

Staff Present: Peter DuBois and Cynthia Kiehl

Others Present: Rich McConaghy, City of Vancouver; Tanya Gray, City of Vancouver; Derek Ranta, Waste Connections

I. Roll Call, Approval of Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Don Ebbeson. Steven Willis made a motion to approve the February 5, 2015 minutes with an amendment. Section III will be amended to include a recommendation from Steven Willis that the City of Vancouver add a link to the Recycling Done Right video in electronic billing notifications. Rem Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

II. Updates

Waste Connections – Derek Ranta

Currently West Van holds an inventory of 9,500 recycling bales. The longshoreman labor issue was recently resolved but the demand to export material is so great that Waste Connections has not been able to ship out any bales since the resolution. Don asked what this means for the prices of materials. Derek explained what the export demand means for the prices of materials and also explained more in depth where the bales are stored and how they are shipped.

III. Upcoming Events – Peter DuBois

Pete discussed the upcoming Green Business Showcase and invited all SWAC members to attend. Pete gave an update on the upcoming Recycling Day events including dates and times. The Leichner Landfill open house is scheduled for April 23, 2015. At the April SWAC meeting, Mike Davis will present to SWAC the results from the studies of Leichner Landfill and Fleischer Property. Don asked that the consultant reports be shared with new SWAC members to bring them up to speed on the history of the landfill. Pete invited all SWAC members to tour the landfill on April 8, 2015 with County, City, and Waste Connections staff.

IV. 2015-17 Coordinated Prevention Grant (CPG) – Peter DuBois

Pete presented an update on the CPG application and process. The current application allows for five tasks. Pete presented a detailed budget for all tasks. The tasks will consist of

locally recycling latex paint, electronics reuse, the Recycling Done Right cart tagging program, food waste prevention (residential and business), and the Green Schools program. Pete asked for a recommendation from SWAC to move forward with submission of the CPG.

The public commented on the importance of all SWAC members to check in with their represented sectors on whether or not their represented groups support where the CPG funds will be spent before they make a recommendation. Steven Willis requested that detailed information be sent in advance of the meeting for SWAC review and specifically asked for narrative description to accompany the budget numbers. Peter DuBois replied that this will be the process moving forward.

Commission members explained that they are diligent in reaching out to and gathering information from their represented interest groups or have been appointed to represent their interest groups.

Don Ebbeson created a motion to recommend the submission of CPG. Bill Turlay seconded the motion. Motion passed.

V. Recent Contract Work – Peter DuBois

Pete explained the department's most recent on-call contract agreement with Formations Design Group for website design and maintenance. It was a competitive bid for up to three years with a maximum of \$150,000. If the department is unable to complete a required website task within the County, a formal task will be created and approved, and the contract utilized.

The Washington Green Schools contract has been renewed for \$70,000 over two years – 75% of which is covered by CPG. The department contracted with Impact Bioenergy Inc. to perform a comprehensive study of the feasibility of having an organic waste facility in Clark County. It is a \$50,000 agreement and 75% covered by CPG. The study and findings will be complete by June and will then be presented to SWAC. The contract with Bell & Associates, Inc. is an agreement for \$16,395 to perform an audit rate and review services with Waste Connections.

VI. Solid Waste Management Plan adoption update – Peter DuBois

Pete presented a statement from Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission that the cost assessment has been reviewed and accepted.

VII. Other Business

Rem asked if there is an attendance requirement for the commission members. Don explained the attendance clause in the SWAC rules and regulations and stated that there would be more discussion on the issue at the next meeting.

VIII. Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda Items

None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.