

**Clark County  
Solid Waste Advisory Commission  
Regular Meeting**  
Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Clark County Auto License Building  
1408 Franklin Street  
Vancouver, WA

**SWAC Members Present:** Rem Wilson, Don Ebbeson, Stephen Schrag, Ty Stober, Alixandra Coker, and Steven Willis

**SWAC Members Excused:** Brandon Vick, Allan Jeska, Simone Auger

**Staff Present:** Pete DuBois, Andrew Loescher

**Others:** Scott Campbell, Waste Connections; Rich McConaghy, City of Vancouver; Chuck Harman, County Public Health

### **I. Roll Call, Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for the last SWAC meeting were approved as written.

### **II. Updates**

#### **County Public Health – Chuck Harman**

- Submitted quarterly reports for the CPG grant.
- Rufener Landfill. What does the city need from the county to get a letter of concurrence?
- Circle C Landfill – La Center. Owners looking to terminate the post closure permit.
  - Looking at regulations that would allow them to terminate the permit.

#### **County Environmental Services – Pete DuBois**

- Waste to Wealth
  - Discussions going on with block foam
    - Empower up is in discussion with a processor
    - Looking to come up with a user fee so they can process block foam
- Paint
  - Not much traction on the paint bill
    - Held up in committee
  - Stericycle is looking at setting up a paint recycling facility locally
  - We will continue to collect at the 7 paint stores
- Organics
  - Metro has released and RFQ for food waste processing
  - Waste Connectopms is looking at this
  - May have a site in Chelatchie Prairie
- WasteBusters
  - Pledge kicking off on February 9<sup>th</sup>
- Green Schools gathering last week
  - Ali Coker's school was there
- Green Business
  - Green Business showcase scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup>
    - Invitations sent around

### **City of Vancouver – Rich McConaghy**

- Nothing to report
- New staff – Elsie retired and Julie Gilbertson has started

### **Waste Connections – Scott Campbell**

- Presented the Waste Connections annual report to all of the cities and town in Clark County.
  - Will be presenting to the city of Camas on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **III. SWAC Survey results**

- Agreed to keep monthly meetings
- Should SWAC develop Subcommittees?
  - It was agreed to keep subcommittees.
- What Environmental Outreach Programs would you like presented at SWAC in 2016?
  - Rem Wilson says he supports the same list
  - Don Ebbeson agrees to keep them
  - Ty Stober asked Rich to weigh in
    - Rich agrees that the topics presented are worth keeping
- Should SWAC go on tours to Solid Waste related facilities and locations?
  - Don thinks it's a good idea to go on tours and visit facilities and had a good response when people wanted to see the Leichner Landfill
- Which Solid Waste System issues do you want SWAC to track at meetings?
  - Central Transfer and Recovery (CTR)
    - Agreed to hold April SWAC meeting at CTR and tour the site and discuss options to expand a self-haul area. Proposed Tour at 5:30-6:15pm with meeting at Waste Connections East Ridge office 6:30 – 8:00pm
  - Which public health and enforcement issues do you want SWAC to track at meetings?
    - Agreed to keep all issues on survey question 7.
  - Economic Development Trash to Treasure.
    - Looking at an anaerobic processor for organics processing
      - Preliminary discussions
  - Don Ebbeson recommended tabling number 10 “Volunteer Opportunities” until Allan Jeska is present
    - Through our contract with CRC we need to an analysis of our waste stream
  - HHW Collections
    - Steering people to fixed facilities to increase system efficiencies
    - Outreach campaign
    - Expanding hours at CTR adding Friday
      - A lot of orphaned waste comes in during the week and can be processed on Friday so weekend traffic can be better managed
      - If Stericycle comes in on Friday they can deal with this waste and then better handle customers on Saturday
      - Start additional day April
  - Communications Plan
    - Andrew went over the communications plan
    - Steven Willis requested draft advertising materials to see what kind of things are being sent out.
    - Ty Stober made a motion to recommend using the Columbian not to exceed \$3,000
      - Moved to amend the HHW com plan with an ad in the Columbian not to exceed 3k
        - Steven Willis seconds the motion
          - Motion passes unanimously

- On next month's agenda put the use of the Columbian for advertising
  - Send sample recommendation letters to Steven Willis
  - Send sample marketing materials that would be sent to the Columbian
- Send the Columbian's readership
- Ty Stober makes a motion to approve the HHW Communications plan
  - Stephen Schrag seconds the motion
  - Motion passes unanimously
- Rem makes a motion to approve the WasteBusters Communications Plan
  - Ali seconded the motion
  - Motion passes unanimously

#### **IV. Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda items**

- Don Ebbeson asked Rich about film recycling
  - Rich explained the film/plastic bag program in Clark County

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44