

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

Thursday, August 3rd, 2017
6:00 - 8:00pm

Clark County for Community Health
CONFERENCE ROOM 210
1601 E. Fourth Plain Blvd.
Vancouver, WA

SWAC Members Present: Allan Jeska, Rich McConaghy, Alexandra Coker, Steven Willis, Simone Auger, Chris Prothero

SWAC Members Excused: Rem Wilson

SWAC Members Unexcused: Brandon Vick, Scott Campbell, Warren Neth

Staff Present: Mike Davis, Kim Harless, Sally Fisher, Melissa Sutton, Chuck Harman, Janis Koch, Jana Williams

Others: Tanya Gray, City of Vancouver; Frank Dick, City of Vancouver Waste Water; Steve Wilson, soil scientist with Brown and Caldwell, Portland; Steve Gilmore, Republic Services

I ROLL CALL, APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 4th, 2017

Minutes were unanimously approved as written.

Suggest email be sent to members with more than 2 unexcused absences to determine their interest in remaining on the committee.

II UPDATES

• **Clark County Public Health**

- Travis Dutton new Program Manager II for Solid Waste Environmental Outreach
- CPG Local Solid Waste Assistance Fund part of Capital Budget which has not been passed to date
 - Clark County SWEO will be operating off of existing operating funds until Capital Budget is approved
- MCR at Clark County Fair
- Green Business Morning Blend event on 8/17/17 at Cadet
- Recycling Day Events 2017 data presented:
 - 44% decrease in participation 2017 vs 2016
 - Camas did not collect garbage this year
 - 1 less event this year
 - Electronics most popular in 2017. Block foam most popular in 2016
 - Attendance at the transfer stations is up this year
 - Goal is to discontinue single events, but promote year round options and improve those options
 - Continue to help coordinate recycling options for those cities that run their own events i.e. Yacolt, Ridgefield
- Solid Waste Enforcement Quarterly report will be made available

- **City of Vancouver**
 - Spring Coupon Program for yard debris and tire concluded in June. Program was flat this year. 2,775 participants in 2016 and 2,894 participants in 2017. Collected 5,700 cubic yards of yard debris and 831 tires in 2017.
 - Wrap program hubs at seven Safeway stores in Vancouver for small businesses. Program expanded by an AmeriCorps intern, who will return in Fall.
- **Waste Connections**
 - No report; no one present from Waste Connections

III City of Vancouver Land Application Solid Waste Permit – Melissa Sutton

- CoV owns and operates pretreatment lagoon located at 2920 W. Lower River Road.
- Only high grade food wastes are treated here, no biosolids.
- 6 parcels, 169 acres which primarily produce grass and winter wheat with potential of berries in the future.
- City proposes 700 tons of dry solids be applied to farm land in the Vancouver Lake Lowlands. 2-4 weeks per year during the dry months of the year and only 7AM – 5PM Monday -Saturday.
- 13 parcels surround this farm land area. They are used for agricultural wildlife and light industrial.
- This was previously permitted through WA Department of Agriculture for 16 years but they no longer can issue a permit due to storage availabilities in the lagoon and the fact that it is not bio solids. The WA Department of Ecology has determined that the permitting falls under Clark County Public Health.
- Reports will be submitted to Public Health and Ecology yearly.
- CCPH has made additional requests to include items for clarification only.
- WA Dept. of Ecology is supportive of the application. They would recommend that site access is restricted and identify future development if E.coli standards were exceeded.
- Sept 2 is date required for approval or disapproval of City of Vancouver Land Use application. Request SWAC motion to approve.
 - Motioned, seconded, and approved the passing of the permit approval.

IV Solid Waste Tip Fee Proposal Update – Chuck Harman

- Proposal presented to RSWSSC and Public Health Advisors Committee.
- Change in County Manager since the last meeting, PH will meet with interim County Manager tomorrow to present prior to presenting to the Board of County Councilors.
- Request will be revised due to failure of the Capital budget to pass. Requesting 100% replacement of CPG funds lost. \$1.43 per ton rate increase equating to approximately 7-8 cents per month at the curb.
- Regional Needs Assessment Analysis is important to continue with. Reserve funds can and will be used for this if there is no grant funding.
- Would like to be more self-sufficient and maintain current services with the fee increase and less reliance on grant funding similar to King, Tacoma, Pierce and Kitsap Counties.
- Funds for MTCA are from taxes on refined products which includes gasoline. Gas prices are low which impacts funding for MTCA.
- Waste Connections will not receive any of the increase. All funds will pass through to the county.

- Additional funds are required for funding staffing requirements due to growth in the county and maintaining the current programs.
- PH would like a letter from SWAC supporting the increase.

V Green Neighbors Program presentation – Sally Fisher

- Resources for a sustainable lifestyle – Reduce and Recycle. Can be accessed through ClarkGreenNeighbors.org
- Reduce and recycle – various events that are put on by the county
- Chemicals affect the wildlife in our community and program educates through WildWatch
- Extensive event calendar which is on the website
- Lots of volunteer opportunities around the community
- Natural gardening – demo site at Pacific Park, garden tour and workshops
- Recycled Arts Festival
- Shredding Event at Whole Foods 9-23, Environmental Questing geo-caching, Green Neighbors 5th Birthday party.
- Robert Michael Pyle author talk
- Eco Film Lending Library partnership with Vancouver Watershed Alliance.

VI Clean Cart Campaign presentation – Kim Harless

- Campaign has been performed last 3 years. Reviewed data.
- Single family recycling residue is contamination and good recyclables which did not make it through the system from the Allocation Study from Waste Connections. Originally misunderstood what this was on the 2015 numbers but adjustments were made to only include contamination in 2016.
 - After adjustments the true contamination for 2016 was 10.6%, still waiting on 2017 numbers.
- 2017 largest campaign - 32 recycle routes, 26,246 total customers, 18,126 tagged
 - 30.57% carts looked good, 30.35% contained hard plastic packaging, plastic bags 20.88%, .03% of carts contained SHARPS.
 - Multi Family - hit 41 complexes, 4,015 units and contacted 510 residents.

VII Additional Items

- Landfill Tours – Finley Butte and Wasco County 8-23 7AM-5PM

VIII Public Comment

- None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm