

**Clark County
Solid Waste Advisory Commission
Regular Meeting
Thursday June 6, 2013**

Clark County Auto License Office
1408 Franklin Street
Vancouver, WA

SWAC Members Present: Lisa Schmidt, Don Ebbeson, Richard Baker, Allan Jeska, Rem Wilson, Jack McClary, Jeanne Stewart

SWAC Members Excused: Brandon Vick, Stephen Smythe

Staff Present: Anita Largent, Pete Dubois, Sabra Hall-Nelson

Others: Gary Bickett, CCPH; Tanya Gray, COV; Julie Robertson, Ecology; Scott Campbell, WCI

I. Roll Call, Approval of Minutes

Allan Jeska made a motion to approve the May 2, 2013 SWAC minutes as written. Rem Wilson seconded the motion with Richard Baker and Don Ebbeson abstaining. Motion passed.

II. Updates

County Environmental Services – Anita Largent

In the packets of material sent out a few of the highlights are:

- Green Neighbors June Newsletter –
 - RAF June 29, 2013 9:00-5:00 & June 30, 2013 10:00-4:00
 - HHW - June 8, 2013 Dollars Corner in Battle Ground
 - HHW - June 15, 2013 @ LOWES 18801 SE Mill Plain Blvd from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.
- Article - Image Elementary School is the first school in state to achieve Level 4 Green School Certification.

County Public Health – Gary Bickett

We have completed the Grant application process and waiting for approval.

City of Vancouver – Tanya Gray

No update.

Department of Ecology – Julie Robertson

The Department of Ecology is working on their state plan. Ecology planners are attending local SWAC meetings requesting input from SWAC members.

Julie Robertson handed out information from Ecology which discusses the role of SWAC, the benefits of a strong SWAC and suggestions for a strong, functioning SWAC. Julie encouraged SWAC members to attend other SWAC meetings across the state. If any member is interested and needs assistance please contact Julie Robertson at 360-407-6471, she can provide information as to the time, location, and agenda of other SWAC meetings.

III. Updates on Advisory Commission Restructure – Anita Largent

Anita Largent reviewed the history of the Advisory Commission Restructure process. The Board of County Commissioners is not recommending any changes beyond what they currently have.

Lisa Schmidt shared her perspective and acknowledged the value of this commission. SWAC has taken steps in reducing staff time at the meetings. Regarding the minutes, most would prefer to have a brief highlight of the meeting rather than listen to the full two hours. This is also easier for the general public as well.

Jeanne Stewart: People that are retired, have their own daily activities and responsibility. However they take time to volunteer, bringing valuable knowledge, energy and participation to this commission.

IV. Updates on Closure/Decommission of Boise Cascade Landfill – Status of Permits Condition – Gary Bickett & Anita Largent

Anita Largent provided a copy of a letter sent to Boise Cascade regarding the Portside Lagoon & Landfill. She also distributed a word document titled Summary of Conditions; listing the conditions as set forth January 7, 2010 in a public hearing and the current status. Once the landfill is decommissioned there is no liability.

V. Progress Report City of Vancouver Pilot Commercial Recycling Program – Tanya Gray

City of Vancouver is testing a recycling program to help increase the amount of commercial recycling. Increasing commercial waste diversion is a topic in many chapters of the Solid Waste Management Plan. Tanya Gray shared a Power Point presentation on the city's "Pilot Commercial Recycling Program".

VI. Solid Waste Management Plan Update – Review of Chapter 13- Organic Wastes – Peter DuBois

SWAC members received two different versions of Chapter 13 Organic Wastes. One version was the chapter from the previous plan while the other version was the suggested proposed plan. Peter DuBois gave a brief overview of each version. Recommendations were individually discussed and suggestions were noted. It was highly recommended to have goals that are measurable.

Food waste: If we are going to implement a food waste facility (which they are already permitted for) at the West Van Materials Recovery Center:

- What is the plan for order control?
- What will be the standards, conditions, and restrictions?

Yard debris: We emphasize that yard debris does not need and should not go into the garbage. However yard debris is composted with other types of organics and packaged. Often the consumer does not know what is in the product. If this system is going to work we need standards for testing the product before packaging and labeling. Also noted was a need to have a standard for persistent bio-cumulative toxins.

VII. Other Business

SWAC members agreed to cancel July 4, 2013 meeting and reconvene August 1, 2013.

VIII. Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda Items

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40