

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

Thursday, November 3rd, 2016
6:00 - 8:00pm

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

SWAC Members Present: Allan Jeska, Scott Campbell, Rich McConaghy, Alixandra Coker, Steven Willis, Simone Auger

SWAC Members Excused: Rem Wilson

SWAC Members Unexcused: Brandon Vick

Staff Present: Mike Davis, Kim Harless, Jana Williams, Roxanne Wolfe, Chuck Harman

Others: Derek Ranta, Waste Connections

I. Roll Call, Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the October 6th meeting were unanimously approved as written.

II. Updates

County Public Health

- Solid Waste Operations – Roxanne Wolfe
 - Hiring 2 Tech positions – Solid Waste and Environmental Outreach
 - Hiring Clean Water Specialist position funded 75% by Public Works and 25% by Public Health. Main focus will be on Storm Water but will also perform outreach.
 - 8 applicants for 4 positions of AmeriCorps.

- Solid Waste Operations – Kim Harless
 - Green Business Morning Blend at LSW Architects 11/17 8:00-9:00.
 - MCR 2 workshops left – Lasagna Gardening 11/5 and Green Cleaning on 12/03. Still recruiting for Master Composter/Recycler training that begins 1/25/17.
 - Meds event on 10/22 collected 1624 lbs. of medication collected.
 - Encountered a few issues with sharps disposal.
 - Allan has connections with Stericycle to get red sharps containers. Walgreens in Fisher's Landing will accept medications year round but may have additional locations in the future. Vancouver and Battle Ground Police departments as well as others in the county still accept controlled substances but Clark County Sherriff does not.
 - Green Schools Summit was today at Clark College. 32 schools; 125 students and 40 adults.

- Solid Waste Enforcement – Chuck Harman
 - Fee proposal meeting held on 10/19.
 - Met with board of County Councilors in a work session on 10/26 regarding all fee within the department.

- Board of Health Meeting 11/30 - fee adjustment ordinance will be brought to this meeting.
- Dec 5, 6, 7 public hearings for final budget.
- Public Health moves begin Nov 10 and SWEO will be the last to move with an approximate date of Nov 28.
- Working with Operations and trying to get up to speed on Leichner Landfill and the contracts associated with operations.

City of Vancouver – Rich McConaghy

- Recycling refresher went out end of October.
- Recollect recycling app-big spike after refresher went out. 45 customers have signed up and downloaded the app.
- Leaves have dropped early this year and disposal coupons have begun showing up.
- KOIN news investigative report tonight on Valet Waste that does at door recycling at apartment buildings. Findings were blue bags for recycling taken from doorstep were just being dumped in the garbage instead of the recycling.

Waste Connections – Derek Ranta

- Construction work at West Van Transfer Station is complete.
- Relocate oil shed at West Van should be done by end of November.
- CPI has been low last couple of years – consumers should see less than 1% increase.
- Hog Fuel - Wood waste is stacking up due to lack of places to dispose of.

Clark County – Mike Davis

- Pilot program of HHW: requesting a proposal from Waste Connections to make the additional day permanent for 3rd day. This has been well received by the public. Proposal to be presented in near future to the committee.

III. Bylaws Amendments Vote

- Email voting – Kim to follow up on.
- There can still be amendments/revisions once approved.
- Question came up whether other SWAC's meet quarterly and it was confirmed that many others do.
- The bylaws amendments were unanimously approved.

IV. Agriculture & Southwest Representative Update – Kim Harless

- Draft version of flyers for open positions presented along with a copy of the press release.
- Bridgette Schwartz potential contact for ag position from the Fair Grounds Association.
- Reach out to WSU extension and local Storm Water Conservation District for additional connections for candidates. Chuck needs dialogue with Dept. of Ecology to verify if grant monies will be affected if earnest effort is being made to find an agriculture candidate.
- Southwest rep position does include City of Vancouver historically. Map on flyer should be updated to include City of Vancouver after conducting research to validate.

V. Central Transfer Station Property Acquisition Proposal – Mike Davis & Derek Ranta

- Waste Connections has been in negotiations with property owner to acquire property on the north side near 117th. Tentative agreement to purchase the property with construction to begin 2018.
- Clark County will draft letter with the process and approval of SWAC and RSWSSC.
- Deceleration lane proposal discussion with WA DOT. Will improve safety of the site.

- \$1 million cost estimate – rate increase of \$1 per ton which would pay for the project in approx. 3 years.
- Storm water drain improvement making construction costs high
- Waste Connection will pay for purchase and construction and be made whole through rate increase.

VI. Coordinated Prevention Grant Report Update – Chuck Harmon & Kim Harless

- Next meeting will have all numbers for the entire year.
- Summary of all work performed under the grant.
- Enforcement portion July through Sept is complete.
- Reports can be copied onto thumb drive – file is too large to email
- Whatley Pit has been really cleaned up by new manager.

VII. Recycling Day Events & Paint Take Back Updates – Kim Harless

- RSWSSC meeting 11/4
- Concerns – staff time and experience, environmental (idling, oil from vehicles, and Styrofoam beads), stock piling, safety of participants.
- Staff recommendations:
 - Cities who host own event – Pay for vendors that county would normally have at Recycling Day Event with potentially 1 county representative.
 - Cities who don't host event – vouchers for Freon appliances through bill inserts and email to e-billing customers. Voucher would contain information on where to take items for free disposal.
 - County would provide free advertising for City sponsored events as they currently do
 - Proposal to be submitted to RSWSSC.
- Recycle Day Events are very costly. For the same budget could potentially do more.
- Concern voiced that LaCenter would not be able to put on event like Ridgefield. Small towns may perceive favoritism of larger cities. However, smaller cities would get vouchers.
- Need to listen to small towns' needs, and staff plan to meet with cities.
- Goal is to provide same or better service without safety risks.
- Paint Take Back Program – WRED: Kim to present at on Dec 1, Clark is only county in WA that recycles latex paint
- All Miller locations participate in the Paint Take Back program. Working with Parkrose to get 2nd location onboard
- Metro Central Hazardous Waste tour 11-22 meet at PSC 8:30
 - Reuse – Habitat for Humanity, Dignity Village (homeless camp in Portland), women's shelter, (cleaning supplies unused and items i.e. Windex)
 - Sharps – resident program

VIII. Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda items - None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm. Next meeting February 2nd, 2017.