

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

Thursday, February 2nd, 2017
6:00 - 8:00pm

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

SWAC Members Present:, Scott Campbell, Rich McConaghy, Alixandra Coker, Simone Auger, Rem Wilson, Chris Prothero, Warren Neth

SWAC Members Excused: Allan Jeska, Steven Willis

SWAC Members Unexcused: Brandon Vick

Staff Present: Kim Harless, Chuck Harman, Mellissa Sutton, Cindy Stienbarger, Michelle Picinich, Jana Kearns

Others: Peter Lyons, Department of Ecology; Tanya Gray, City of Vancouver; Jeff Smith, Waste Connections; Chris Robertson, Clark County Resident

I. Roll Call, Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the November 3rd meeting were unanimously approved as written.
Welcome new members Chris Prothero and Warren Neth.

II. Updates

Clark County Public Health

- Solid Waste Operations – Kim Harless
 - Email voting, no information found regarding the use of email voting or that it can't be done. Possibly look in the open public meetings act for information.
 - Asked SWAC members if contact information could be placed on the website for the public to contact their representative SWAC member. SWAC decided instead to set up county email address for SWAC, and be managed by the county.
ACTION: Set up county email for SWAC
 - Successful Holiday Recycling Event on January 7th. The public was informed that foam can be dropped off at CTR for free and recommended weekdays due to traffic volumes on weekends.
 - New paint store added to the Paint Takeback Program.
 - Green Business Award nominations being accepted.
 - 30 new volunteers in the MCR program
 - WasteBusters pledges currently being accepted.

- Solid Waste Enforcement – Chuck Harman
 - Organizational chart review of Environmental Public Health with focus on Solid Waste Program.
ACTION: Email copy of org chart to SWAC members.
 - Quarterly reporting in to Ecology for enforcement grant.
 - Enforcement action - failure in Brush Prairie after setting up a compliance plan with the property owner.

- City of Vancouver notified Public Health of December meeting with Ecology regarding sludge lagoon near Rufner Landfill site with food grade sludge from Frito Lay and Great Western Malting waste water. Looking for a land use solid waste permit verses a nutrient permit. Will be coming to the SWAC board possibly at the next meeting.

City of Vancouver – Tanya Gray

- Fall Leaf disposal coupons – 5,457 coupons were redeemed at 4 different sites. 16,243 cubic yards of leaves - Cost \$120,000
- Recycle Right App – many resources of where to recycle items. Also ability to sign up for severe weather alerts/notifications that affect garbage/recycling pick-up. In December, 8,818 people were signed up for reminders this winter.

Waste Connections – Jeff Smith

- Weather related issues. Challenges of delayed pick-ups and lack of pick-ups, but finally current as of last week.

III Coordinated Prevention Grant update – Peter Lyons, Ecology

- Coordinated Prevention Grant (CPG) – Sole means of funding local government, for solid waste. Funds split 80/20 for planning and enforcement. Biannual budget begins July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019. Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) gets its revenue stream mainly from taxing oil coming into Anacortes. Governor’s proposed budgets in December. He would like to see \$4.3 billion of additional revenue from MTCA tax; of that \$10 million would be for prevention grants, but that would only be generated if legislature passed a surcharge on the MTCA tax. Currently there’s a shortfall of \$75 million. Clark County’s share of the CPG was \$1.5 million originally, last cycle \$750,000, if legislature approves governor’s proposed budget the next grant budget would be about \$500,00 for Clark County. Reliance on CPG may require looking at other options to fund projects. The other option is funding from State Building Construction Account which pays for capital projects. CPG can’t really be funded by this.
- Ecology is currently looking at opening up their rules of how they distribute funds.
- Clark County Public Health (CCPH) issues solid waste permits at no charge to recycling facilities but the facilities must provide reports of volumes recycled.
- The CPG is a match grant. CCPH matches 25% of funds received from CPG.

IV Resident/WCW road liability release – Chris Robertson

- Resident explained a situation with the ability of trucks driving on private roads. 48 people were affected. Residents received letters requesting a release of liability to allow trucks to pick up and not held liable for any damage.
- Resident felt that Waste Connection basically has a monopoly. That essentially if no release is signed no service will occur and he has no choice in the matter.
- Agreements have now been signed by all residents and the issue has been resolved but he would like consideration for future concerns.
- He recommends adding contact email on website for SWAC members.

V Green Schools Program presentation – Michelle Picinich

- Clark County Green Schools has partnerships with local school districts, City of Vancouver, Waste Connections, and WA Green Schools.
- Together provide technical and educational support to public and private schools; waste reduction and outreach, composting, and supplies and equipment.

- 820 tons of organics turned into compost and 42,000 cubic yard of recyclables were kept out of landfills in the 2015-2016 school-year.
- 150 schools in Clark County are being managed in the Green Schools program.
- An increase in use of disposables in some of the schools has been seen.
- WA Green Schools has a certification program in 6 different environmental categories. 29 schools were certified in 2015-2016 with 52 schools certified since inception and a total of 83 schools registered.

VI Circle C Landfill update – Melissa Sutton

- Closed landfill still under permit closed since 1990. Wishing to terminate post closure permitting.
- Moving forward and putting together a staff summary to be put out to the Columbian, the Reflector, City of LaCenter, and Public Health in February. Board of County Councilors would like to have a public comment period in March and comments presented before Board of Health in a formal session; planned to be held in April 2017.

VII Weather-related service delay update – All routes are current as of last week.

VIII Proposed solid waste legislation

- Bills currently in legislation regarding Solid Waste and recycling
 - HB 1376 Paint Product Stewardship.
 - HB 1226 Electronic Recycling for curbside recycling currently in legislation
 - HB 1047 Medication take back – convenient return of unused medications.

IX Paint Take Back Program presentation – Kim Harless

- Kim presented at Washington Recycles Every Day (WRED) for Washington State Recycle Association (WSRA) on Dec 1, 2016. The focus was on paint recycling.
- Most counties solidify latex paint and take it to the landfill. Clark County is the only county that recycles latex paint from residents.
- 10 paint stores now collecting paint. County currently pays for the transportation through Stericycle to the transfer stations.
- Columbia Resource Company continues to provide great service to community by recycling latex paint.
- Need for Paint Product Stewardship program. Clark County is not a model that can be applied to other counties.

X Public Comment

- None

XI. Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda items

Motion to draft letter to advocate for surcharge related to CPG to be communicated via email. Seconded and unanimously approved.

Next meeting to be held on May 4th, 2017. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.