

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

Thursday, February 8, 2018
6:00 - 8:00 pm

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

SWAC Members Present: Rich McConaghy, Alixandra Coker, Chris Prothero, Warren Neth

- Northern Clark County and Cities and Small Towns positions previously held by Steven and Simone are currently open for recruitment. The business and Solid Waste positions are also in the recruitment process.

SWAC Members Excused: Allan Jeska, Rem Wilson

Staff Present: Mike Davis, Kim Harless, Melissa Sutton, Chuck Harman, Travis Dutton, Jana Williams

Others: Tanya Gray, City of Vancouver; Derek Ranta, Waste Connection; Steve Gilmore, Republic Services; Greg Gachowsky, Dept of Ecology; Dick Lockhart, David Bowman, Steven Willis, Simone Auger

I ROLL CALL, APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 2nd, 2017

- Minutes unanimously approved. 6:08pm start.

II Appointment of Chair Pro-Tem –

- Chris Prothero was nominated and unanimously approved.

III UPDATES

- Clark County Public Health – Solid Waste Program
 - Regional System Study – scope of work in progress. Will complete a plan as it exists currently, how the plan is handling the various types of discarded waste, and where we need to be 20 years from now economically, financially and service wise.
 - Solid Waste Management Plan will be updated following the study.
 - Recycling Collection contract expires at the end of 2019. Kim Harless is evaluating upcoming updates and needs. Cities of Vancouver and Camas are going through the same process during this timeline.
 - Enforcement of asbestos disposal began February 1, 2018. Suspect asbestos material presented at the transfer stations must have prior testing documentation or will be turned away.
 - City of Vancouver, Waste Connections, SW Clean Air Agency, and county staff have spearheaded a group to address public concerns.
 - Press releases and Social media notifications have been made along with flyers distributed at the transfer stations during the month of January.
 - During the first 5 days Central Transfer turned away 250 customers with more than ½ coming from Oregon.
 - Biggest challenges are coming from roofing companies and homeowner remodels.

- Kaley McLachlan-Burton has been hired for the Environmental Outreach Tech position supporting Green Schools and MCR programs.
- EO Specialist position for Green Neighbors is in the hiring process.
- Green Gala – February 22 at Kiggins Theater
- Green Business Morning Blend is Feb. 15
- Green Schools Summit held in Nov 25 schools in attendance with approximately 100 participants
- Green School website has been updated.
- 2018 Master Composter Recycler course began in January with 37 students.
- Hot pile contest and various workshops are beginning this spring.
- Repair Café is now being managed by Columbia Springs.
- Waste Busters challenge begins March 1.
- Recycled Arts Festival in late June.
- Recycling day events have been retired. City of Ridgefield and Town of Yacolt will be holding their own.
- Clark County Public Health – Solid Waste Enforcement
 - Quarterly report
 - 26 complaints this quarter with 28 closed.
 - EH Metals has received proper land use zoning approval through Clark County Community Development.
 - City Bark had several violations during their November inspection.
 - Royal Rangers has scrap metal collection area at Manor Grange.
 - Property in Yacolt has large amount of scrap metal and abandoned vehicles– Solid Waste Enforcement working to get them scrap metal recycler licensed.
 - Lady Island Landfill owned by Georgia Pacific is closing their boilers. They will no long be able to be process Hog fuel (bulky wood waste) in Clark County.
 - SWANA holding NW Symposium in Troutdale in April.
 - Circle C Landfill post closure release of permitting requirement is still underway.
 - Clark Conservation District requested fee implementation but was declined by BOCC.
- City of Vancouver
 - Regional fall leaves program which started on 10/01/17 – 23,429 yards of leaves collected; a 44% increase over previous year. 7,000 coupons were collected.
 - Garbage and litter collection in downtown Vancouver through SHARE program has been expanded using grant money to create the Community Clean Up Crew. Expanded number of days to 5 days from 8-5 and 3 participants which are homeless and part of the SHARE program .
- Waste Connections
 - Only winter weather events this year where services were cancelled occurred on the day after Christmas to 3,000 rural customers and again a couple of weeks ago when 250 customers on Livingston Mountain missed 1 day of service.
 - At West Van Transfer Center had an inspector from CCIU tested contamination for paper this month and gave them a 0.65% rate. No shipping to China this month due to China’s “National Sword” which will not allow a contamination above 0.5%.

- IV Legislative update
 - Many different bills in the House. Propose email out updates and additional information.
 - Travis is proposing an additional SWAC meeting in March to discuss more in depth.
 - No objections to meeting in March – Doodle survey to be sent out.
 - Local SW Financial Grant (LSWFG) formerly CPG
 - Lowest in history.
 - Delayed by holdup of Capital budget.
 - Governor is allowing Counties to charge back from July 1 of this grant.
 - Counties need to begin application process for these funds with much more stringent requirements.

- V Solid Waste Tip Fee update
 - Took effect January 1, 2018
 - Meeting in March with Board of County Counsellors for approval to retain the \$1.43 tip fee.
 - Proposal to retain tipping fee and utilize LSWFG for additional program work.

- VI China’s “National Sword” and Recyclables update
 - Resilient Recycler Blog started with City of Vancouver, County and Waste Connections to communicate what’s going on with recycling.
 - Need to look at ways to react to the changing ways of recycling.
 - There is a rule change in the works regarding exempt facilities needing to obtain permits as soon as next year.
 - There is a need to make the domestic markets more robust and resilient.

- VII Lechner Landfill, 9411 NE 94th Ave, Vancouver, WA
 - In final phases of master planning the site for development.
 - Road modification has been approved.
 - Down to final 78 days of the road project.
 - Begin process to surplus 30 acres of light industrial property immediately following road modification.
 - 99th St expansion will run directly through the south stormwater pond.
 - Potential field trip for SWAC

- VII Public Comment
 - National CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) day - February 23

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm