

**Clark County
Solid Waste Advisory Commission
Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 7, 2015**

Clark County Auto License Office
1408 Franklin Street
Vancouver, WA

SWAC Members Present: Don Ebbeson, Steven Willis, Stephen Schrag, Allan Jeska, and Bill Turley

SWAC Members Excused: Richard Baker, Rem Wilson, Simone Auger, and Brandon Vick

Staff Present: Peter DuBois, Cynthia Kiehl, and Mike Davis

Others Present: Rich McConaghy, City of Vancouver; Scott Campbell, Waste Connections; Chuck Harman, County Public Health; Seth Otto, Maul Foster Alongi

I. Roll Call, Approval of Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Don Ebbeson. Steven Willis made a motion to approve the April 2, 2015 minutes as written. Allan Jeska seconded the motion. Motion passed.

II. Updates

County Public Health – Chuck Harman

Chuck Harman reported that Public Health contacted landowners regarding the inactive Circle C landfill and terminating the post closure permit. The department is working on defining issues around possible 50% cut in CPG funding and determining how Public Health will be affected. Allan recognized Melissa Sutton for her detailed CPG reports. Don asked for reports from Public Health to be presented to SWAC monthly as opposed to quarterly.

City of Vancouver – Rich McConaghy

Rich reported on events of the Downtown Neighborhood Association as well a recycling class that is being offered by the City.

Waste Connections – Scott Campbell

Scott discussed the market for recycled goods and the extremely low current price of recycled goods. Allan asked about the program for pulling reusable/recyclable goods from loads before they reach the tip floor. Scott reported on the program and its success.

County Environmental Services – Peter DuBois

Pete reported on the Clean Cart Campaign and its success. Pete discussed an organics study that the department is conducting with an outside vendor to determine Clark County's processing capacity. Staff will report as soon as the study has been concluded and results posted. Pete reported on the success of the recent recycling events and gave the updated schedule for upcoming events.

III. Proposed Amendment to Section V SWAC Rules

Don Ebbeson withdrew his motion from the last meeting to excuse Brandon Vick while in legislative session. Don presented two proposed amendments to Section V. Stephen Schrag proposed that the rules stay the same or be amended to allow for more discretion than only for elected officials. Steven Willis suggested that amendment #2 allows for discretion of SWAC and could cause problems with

consistency. Bill Turlay suggested that amendment #1 only allows for special consideration for elected officials and not for others who may also deserve an exemption. Stephen Schrag moves to amend Section V of the rules with amendment #2. Steven Willis seconds. Motion passed. Section V of the SWAC handbook will be amended as follows:

“In the event that a member is absent from three (3) consecutive meetings or from 50 percent of all meetings during a 12 month period, barring exceptional circumstances, that member shall lose his/her position on SWAC. If exceptional circumstances arise, the member shall submit a detailed written request to remain on the board to the SWAC Chair for distribution at the next scheduled meeting. Some examples of exceptional circumstances include but are not limited to: elected official duties that interfere with attendance; temporary job reassignments; and long-term family emergencies. The SWAC board will consider each case on an individual basis to determine if the request to continue on the board, despite excess absence, is accepted.”

IV. Leichner Landfill – Mike Davis/Seth Otto

Seth Otto and Mike Davis presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the conceptual master plan of the closed Leichner Landfill. Seth reported that the main entrance will be from the intersection at 88th Street and 300,000 square feet of usable space will be created. Seth presented a variety of different planning options as well as the benefits and drawbacks of each. Mike will request a recommendation from SWAC when the plan is finalized.

V. CPG Funding Update – Pete DuBois/Rich McConaghy

Rich presented the projected revenue from the Hazardous Substance Tax. It is projected that the Coordinated Prevention Grant will be cut by \$90 million from the previous grant cycle. Pete reported that within the Solid Waste division, staff time and disposal of hazardous waste are not funded by CPG and thus will not be affected if the proposed cuts are approved by the Governor.

VI. Other Business

Allan commented on the low price of recycled goods. Mike Davis discussed new legislation regarding metal recycling and will report next month on the amount of material that is still at West Van from the port shut down. Bill advised that small metal recycling businesses affected by the new legislation should contact their state legislators.

Stephen Schrag recommended that the Recycling Done Right video be aired on public television for those that do not have access to a computer or internet.

Allan asked why Clean Water Advisory Commission meetings are published in the paper and Solid Waste Advisory Commission meetings are not. Staff will check on the issue.

There will be no meeting held in July 2015.

VII. Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda Items

None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.