

**Clark County
Solid Waste Advisory Commission
Regular Meeting
Thursday April 3, 2014**

Clark County Auto License Office
1408 Franklin Street
Vancouver, WA

SWAC Members Present: Lisa Schmidt, Don Ebbeson, Richard Baker, Jack McClary, Stephen Smythe, Bill Turlay, Brandon Vick

SWAC Members Excused: Allan Jeska, Stephen Smythe, Rem Wilson

Staff Present: Anita Largent, Peter Dubois, Mike Davis, Sabra Hall-Nelson

Others: Gary Bickett, CPH: Joe Laxson, CCPH; Rich McConaghy, COV; Tanya Gray, COV; Scott Campbell, WCI

I. Roll Call, Approval of Minutes

SWAC members introduced themselves, noted what interest group they represent and welcomed the newest SWAC member Bill Turlay.

- Don Ebbeson made a motion to approve the November 7, 2013 minutes as written, Lisa Schmidt seconded the motion. Richard Baker and Brandon Vick abstained. Motion passed.
- Jack McClary made a motion to approve the December 5, 2013 minutes, Richard Baker second the motion. Brandon Vick and Bill Turlay abstained. Motion passed.
- Richard Baker made a motion to approve the March 6, 2014 minutes, Don Ebbeson seconded the motion. Bill Turlay, Jack McClary and Brandon Vick abstained. Motion passed.

II. Recognition for Gary Bickett

Lisa Schmidt and Anita Largent recognized and thanked Gary Bickett for his years of service, dedication and valued assistance. Gary Bickett shared thanks to all.

III. Updates

County Public Health – Joe Laxson

Joe reported that Public Health is moving forth on their SWMP and reviewing codes to make sure they correspond with each other.

County Environmental Services – Anita Largent

Hand out Information:

- Daily Insider- County receives \$200,000 Brownfield grant for site near Leichner Landfill.
- Flyer – RECYCLING DAY EVENTS for 2014
- Flyer – Got Acreage – 9th Annual Clark County Small Acreage Expo
- Green Neighbor Newsletter
 - Green Neighbor plugs you into a more sustainable lifestyle
 - WildWatch flyer
- 2014 Green Business Showcase and Reception - Wednesday April 16, 2014
- Save the Date – Green Business Showcase

We have submitted two applications for ecology offset cycle grants and should hear back in May.

City of Vancouver – Rich McConaghy

The City's Spring Yard Debris and Tire Disposal Coupons should be reaching Waste Connections customers this week in either their mailbox (included Waste Connections residential bills) or their inbox (just email us if you pay online so the coupons can be mailed). This coupon sheet is good for recycling two loads of yard debris and up to four scrap tires between now and the end of June. The latest numbers on E-cycle Washington volumes being handled around the state and a map comparing county by county access to WMMFA sites were shared. Rich also recommended an interesting book for background on the global recycling economy: *Junkyard Planet* by Adam Minter – www.shanghaiscrap.com

Washington State Recycling Association (WSRA) Conference is May 4-6 at Vancouver Hilton.

Department of Ecology – Julie Robertson

No report.

IV. Discussion/Update on Clean Water Program Funding Proposals- Peter Dubois

Peter DuBois handed out a document titled "Clean Water Fee Scorecard" and "Alternative Polluter Fee Options."

Question: How much money are we in the hole for? **Answer:** \$3.6 million- \$600,000 is the settlement attorney fees. \$3 million will be used in Clark County for watershed restoration projects.

Question: What is the Clean Water Commission recommendation to get the funds built back up?

Answer: Not answered.

Lisa Schmidt encouraged staff and SWAC members to keep communications open.

Suggestions:

- Have a sub-committee to work on specific issues.
- SWAC chair and co-chair meet more frequently with Clark County Commissioners.
- SWAC chair and co-chair meet with director of environmental services.
- This commission can still make a recommendation on the clean water funding proposals.
- Get feedback from each interest group represented on SWAC.

V. Leichner Landfill Master Planning & IPG Update- Mike Davis

Mike Davis provided three handouts:

- Leichner Landfill Master Plan-
 - Open House Tuesday 29, 2014 4:00-7:00 pm at the Vancouver Church of Christ located at 9019 NE 86th Street, Vancouver, WA
- Leichner Landfill- Master Plan Update
 - Created a special website www.clark.wa.gov/Leichner
 - Leichner master planning newsletter update- April 2014
 - Frequently asked questions about Leichner landfill and adjacent property
 - Map of Leichner landfill and adjacent property
- Leichner Landfill – Master Plan Open House -This mailer will go to 1400 home owners and residents.

This is the first step in getting prepared to provide recommendations to the county commissioners.

Mike invited SWAC members to tour Leichner landfill and Fleischer properties. Bill Turley would like a tour of the property.

Don Ebbeson: Leichner landfill has been in existence since the late 30's. There were five Leichner brothers, the youngest brother Lorry Leichner died March 24. He was a very nice individual and easy

to work with. As we move forward, a generation has changed, we closed a landfill, we closed a bit of history with the passing of the last Leichner brother.

VI. Vision Discussion for New SWMP Economics Chapter – Pete DuBois & Anita Largent

Peter DuBois provided a handout on Chapter XX Waste to Wealth: Economic Development. This is a new chapter added to the Solid Waste Management Plan. Each topic was highlighted and briefly reviewed.

Dick Baker noted: How would we encourage businesses to come to Clark County? Businesses want to know what is the path, how would it work, how do they get started. We need to be in the process of developing a plan.

Anita Largent briefly reported on Chicago experience in creating opportunity for manufacturing businesses. Chicago spent at least 3-4 years studying and planning to get to a position where they could make things happen. The government looked at their industrial corridors, established manufacturing zones, looked at transportation infrastructure, their utility infrastructure, water, sewer, broadband, internet, etc. They established enterprise zones, looked at tax credits, property taxes, had bank participation, bonding opportunities, small business opportunities, work force training that the city would provide. When this is in place it makes it more inviting and easier for new business.

It was suggested to discuss the recommendations at the next SWAC meeting.

VII. Overview of updated Draft Solid Waste Management Plan – Anita Largent

Due to time constraints this topic will be held over for next month and placed at the top of the agenda.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

IX. Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda items

Scott Campbell shared his thanks to Gary Bickett –always an easy helpful person to work with

The meeting was adjourned at
7:58