Clark County
Solid Waste Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 1st, 2019
6:00 - 8:00pm
Clark County Center for Community Health
Conference Room 210
1601 E. Fourth Plain Blvd., Bldg. 17
Vancouver, WA 98661

SWAC Members Present: Allan Jeska, Steven Willis, Rich McConaghy, Tim Kraft, Jason Presser (late), Kent Meyer, Kyle Potter
SWAC Members Excused: Simone Auger
SWAC Members Unexcused: Warren Neth, Derek Ranta
Staff Present: Travis Dutton, Mike Davis, Kim Harless, Brian Schlottmann, Melissa Sutton, Amber McKnight, Jessica Fischberg
Others Present: Julie Gilbertson (CoV)

Meeting began at 6:01 pm

I. **ROLL CALL, APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 2nd, 2019** *(*00:00:25)*
- Motion to approve by Rich
  - Unanimous approval

II. **UPDATES** *(*00:06:35)*
- Clark County Public Health – Solid Waste Program
  - AmeriCorps members last day was July 31st
    - Next group will begin late Sept, early Oct
  - Green Neighbors
    - Recycled Arts Festival, June 29th & 30th, well attended
    - Natural Gardens Tour, July 14th, well attended
    - New Outreach Coordinator, Tina Kendall, hired July 29th
  - Green Business
    - Last Morning Blend was at WaferTech, well attended
      - Next one on Aug. 15th at Corwin Beverage at 8:00 am
  - Operations
    - Have been meeting with a consultant, to discuss food waste impact in the county; and strategies to prevent & process it
      - Speaking with legislators during off season, so they can better advocate for it when session is in.
    - Preparing for next iteration of recycling rate increase
      - Must define what questions will be asked and what the steps will look like
    - Next LSWFA cycle to continue at same funding level
      - Using the grant to fund RSS and contamination reductions projects
    - Jessica Fischberg has been hired for a 2 year Special Waste project position
      - Monitoring different special wastes in our system, and evaluating gaps and opportunities to improve collections
        - ► Including: SQG, asbestos, universal waste, batteries, C&D, meds, paint
    - Leichner Master Plan is complete & property could be sold for development, but no further information is available at this point

        - Regional System Study has been in a two year process to develop a scope of work and Request for Proposal to study the system & feasibility of implementing recommendations from the SWMP
            - J.R. Miller & Associates has been selected (teamed with AKS Engineering)
                - Chris Bell & Associates will be doing finance work
            - Study focuses on
                - Financial aspect of the system
                - Capital improvements over the next 20 years
                - Potential of the County owning the facilities
                - Traffic and congestion issues at CTS
                - Possibility of expanding facility
                    - WADOT has indicated that site access must be improved first
                        - Have been having stakeholder meetings, with more upcoming, to discuss potential access improvements
- Clark County Public Health – Solid Waste Enforcement
    - Q2 Report: 37 complaints, 33 resolved; 16 facility inspections (11 permitted, 5 exempt)
    - Paper People was approved in July
    - Earth Friendly Recycling was approved June 14th, to accept electronic waste & block foam
        - Block foam is densified & sent overseas; as opposed to Agilyx in Tigard, who is able to turn block foam into a styrene monomer (similar virgin materials)
    - East County Materials (Rotschy Inc.) is looking to be an exempt facility
        - Sent out for multi-agency review
            - CoV had comments regarding traffic issues
    - Haag & Shaw, in Camas filed NOI in July
        - Should be able to send for multi-agency review soon (hopefully tomorrow)
    - Whatley Pit (County owned) wants to sort & pile stormwater clearing material
        - Working with CRC to get lower rate to have materials taken directly to landfill, until they have adequate measures in place at the facility
        - Unapproved waste is still being dumped
    - WAC 173-350 is being updated, going into effect Aug 20th
    - Updating Clark County Code 24.12 soon. Likely to take about a year & a half
        - Will hire consultant to facilitate public opinion & stakeholder review
- City of Vancouver
    - Tanya Gray's position has been filled by Julie Gilbertson
    - Now recruiting for two analyst positions
    - Yard Debris service within city limits to transition to Organics Service, beginning Sept 30th
        - No additional cost, increasing size options
        - Kitchen pail is provided
        - Businesses will have lower rates for weekly or every other week service
        - Material will be taken to West Van, then diverted to Dirt Hugger
            - Currently sending to Dirt Huggers 3x weekly
            - Expectation is to move on a daily basis
        - CoV, WC, and CC are working together on outreach to inform of services and scope

III. Residential Recycling Contract update – Kim Harless *(*01:09:00)*

- Studies have shown a decrease of contaminations in both single & multi-family residual studies
    - Increase of good recyclables in garbage
    - Single family contamination rates went from 20.5% in 2018 to 16%
    - Multifamily contamination rates went from 25.3% in 2018 to 19.3%
    - Top contaminants were various types of non-recyclable paper products
- Can we tell the press that residents are doing better?
    - Looking to create the right message to send out

IV. Public Comment *(*01:15:45)*

- none

This meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm

** These times correlate to the time each agenda item is addressed in the recorded audio file of this meeting.*