

Clark County
Solid Waste Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 4th, 2022

6:00 - 8:00pm

Hybrid Meeting on Zoom, and at
Clark County Center for Community Health

SWAC Members Present: Kyle Potter, Tim Kraft, Allan Jeska, Jason Presser, Derek Ranta, Joe Zimmerman (late), Kim Harless, Mike Mulligan, Reuben Greer

SWAC Members Excused:


SWAC Members Unexcused: Simone Auger

Staff Present: George Sidles, Jessica Fischberg, Mollie Mangerich, Kimberly Walker-Norton, Melissa Sutton, Amber McKnight

Others Present: Julie Gilbertson (CoV), Laura Busby (DoE), Sami Springs, Rich McConaghy, Tina Kendall, Sarah Keirns

Meeting began at 6:04 pm

I. Roll Call, Approval of Minutes – May 5th, 2022 (*00:00:05)

- Allan motions to approve previous meeting minutes
 - Jason seconds
 -  Minutes approved
- Introduction to new North County SWAC Representative, Reuben Greer
 - Environmental manager at Tidewater
 - 18 years in environmental consulting Project Management for Jacobs
 - Had worked on solid waste projects for various counties
 - Was interested in joining Spokane County SWAC, prior to moving to Clark County
- Introduction to new County Solid Waste Manager, George Sidles
 - Previously part of Clark County some 20+ years ago, for about 6 years
 - Involved in completion of COMP plan (now SWMP), recycling contract negotiations, implementing solid waste programs
 - Spent 6 years in Dept of Ecology in a Regional Management position
 - Staff provided technical support to Public Works and local health jurisdictions
 - Spent time in private recycling company, then bought out by Waste Connections
 - Business Area Manager at Seattle Public Utilities
 - Retired, and went back to work in various areas

II. Updates (*00:08:47)

- [Clark County Public Health – Solid Waste Program](#)
 - Sent out in advance
- Clark County Public Health – [Solid Waste Enforcement](#)
 - Q2 report sent out in advance
 - Application received for City of Battle Ground Stormwater Decant Facility
 - (see agenda item III.)
 - Tidewater is considering an autoclave on the waterfront
 - Still evaluating capital costs and facility improvements required for the process
 - Capital project budget is already set for 2022
 - No traction on this effort until at least the end of 2022, if at all
 - West Van MRF is considering organics reload facility in the Lower Yard

- Met with Columbia Resource and Waste Connections staff
 - Indicated that they are building a storage unit, only
 - Will be picking up Code Update again in September to go through public comments, and modify as necessary
 - WA DOH approved new animal waste management code [WAC 246.203.131](#)
 - Not on the website yet
 - Hope to add it to the County Code Update before July 2023
- [City of Vancouver](#)
 - City Spring Coupon Program wrapped up at the end of June.

2022	Yard Debris		Tires	
	Disposal Cost	Volume (Yds)	Disposal Cost	Quantity
H & H	\$52,547	4,379		
McFarlane's	\$26,771	2,434		
Triangle	\$8,805	587		
CRC	\$16,234	1,878		
Total	\$104,357	9,278	\$3,591.34	1,098

	April - July 2021 (4 months)	April - June 2022 (3 months)
Total Program Cost	\$80,426.46	\$107,948.86
Total Yard Debris Disposal Costs	\$77,057.85	\$104,357.52
Total Yard Debris (cu yds)	6,955	9,278
Total Tire Disposal Costs	\$3,368.61	\$3,591.34
Yard Debris coupons	3,465	3,860
Tire coupons	316	301

- Prep work underway for regional Fall Leaves Coupons
 - Will run from October through December
 - Previous SWAC inquiry about City's Climate Action Plan (CAP)
 - Council workshop, next Monday, Aug 8.
 - Public Hearing and City Council vote for Adoption of CAP, Sept 12
 - [Climate Action Plan | Be Heard Vancouver](#)
 - Solid Waste development code update (mostly cleanup/minor revisions)
 - Goes thru process for input and approvals by Planning Commission, then Council
 - Multifamily Service Assessment – review underway of newly built multifamily properties in Vancouver to assess outcomes of development code (since 2016) and services.
 - Development pipeline fun fact: So far this year, there have been 330 Plan Reviews assigned to Solid Waste. Last year solid waste didn't reach 330 reviews until November.
 - Rate Season – prep work for 2023 Solid Waste Rates underway.
- [Waste Connections](#)
 - Summer is busiest time of year
 - Struggling with staffing shortages and covid issues
 - 30-35 openings consistently for past 6 months
 - ▶ Typically, only about 10 openings
 - No significant operations affected
 - Minor adjustments made when needed

- Columbia Resource Company Transfer stations
 - Volumes up ~8% this year
 - Still looking at Raising minimum fee
 - Traffic issues continue while the entrance to CTR is worked on
 - Additional flaggers installed at West Van
- Recycling markets have been strong this year
 - Price of metals increased due to war in Ukraine
 - Price of fibers also increased, but is now dwindling
 - Expecting some prices to drop in the next few months
- Began delivering garbage carts to rural areas last Friday
 - ~17k carts to rural areas of the county
 - Next Monday to start delivering to Battle Ground, Yacolt, and LaCenter
 - Automated service to start August 15th in these areas
 - Remaining Urban Growth Area (UGA) to be delivered in spring, 2023 (~45k)
 - May be looking at May-June roll-out for the rest of the county
- Working toward every other week recycling in UGA
 - Battle Ground to remain on weekly service
- Outreach staff are working at 40-50 events throughout the area
 - Currently recruiting for educator role
- Unsure if block foam recycling will ever come back
 - Earth Friendly has decommissioned their densifier, and is no longer taking it
 - Agilyx does not have the capacity to accept the material from Waste Connections
 - Actively searching for someone to process the material
 - The transfer stations do not currently have the space to process it

III. Stormwater Decant Facility Overview – Melissa Sutton (*00:16:20)


- City of Battle Ground is proposing a solid waste permit for a Stormwater Decant facility
 - Decant facility built in 2010
 - Contacted county in September 2021 seeking expansion/modification
 - County unaware of decant facility until this point
 - All paperwork now submitted
 - Multi agency review netted 1 comment from SWCAA stating
 - No air quality permit needed, but do
 - Need to make sure odors don't leave the premises
 - Public comment period runs from July 26 to Aug. 22.
 - Current facility has a maximum capacity of 80 cubic yards of material
 - An expansion would not be for max. cap., but for additional room to work
 - Received grant from Ecology
- Goal for September 1st meeting is to present
 - Staff report,
 - Public comments,
 - ! Will send beforehand, to provide opportunity for review
 - Share project overview
 - ? Would like SWAC to make motion to formally recommend Public Health move forward with permit approval or denial
- Facility is co-located with the wastewater treatment plant
- Do not see traffic being a significant impact
- Public notification has already been done
 - Sent 185 mailers to residents within 500 feet of the property
 - Also notified residents within 300 feet of the adjacent property
 - Newspaper notices in The Columbian and The Reflector
 - Social media posts on Facebook and NextDoor

- Will post again August 10th

IV. SWMP, Chapter 5: Moderate Risk Waste – Jessica Fischberg (*00:56:21)

- Have provided draft plan for inclusion in SWMP update
- Ordinance ban hazardous waste from garbage/municipal solid waste
 - Reached out to other jurisdictions with ordinances
 - Not enforceable
 - Should be disposed of at HHW facility
 - Can pursue as a program, with understanding that it cannot be enforced
 - Good educational tool
 - May want to exclude HHW definition from the Solid Waste definition
- Timeline for Small Quantity Generator (SQG) waste collections at HHW facilities
 - SQGs not regulated by Ecology, State, or federal government
 - More closely related to residential regulations
 - Recommend SQG collection at HHW facilities for inclusion in SWMP, with a 2025 target date
 - More aggressive timeline comes with various challenges
 - Space constraints at transfer stations
 - SQG material is measured separately, and differently than residential material
 - May require operational alterations
 - Unable to use state grant funding to benefit a business
 - County will not be able to sponsor program
 - Other priority projects, such as traffic control and organics waste increase
 - 2025 seems like a realistic target date
 - Will need time to implement this type of program
 - Have built flexibility into the schedule to iron out difficulties
- Added End Processing of HHW data to draft
 - Ecology is currently reviewing the draft
- Included clarifying language throughout chapter
- Reuse programs are being practiced in other areas
 - Locally, would like to do more research in the future
 - Not enough space/staff
 - Currently refer people to Habitat for Humanity ReStore
 - Other regions state maintaining an inventory and keeping it moving are challenging
 - Some facilities have shut down due to these issues
 - Trying to create more programs for drop-off locations

V. Equity Project Update – Sami Springs (*01:18:35)

- Team is Jessica, Sarah, Mollie, and Sami
- Currently working on an RFP to hire an equity consultant, using grant funding
 - Consultant to ID and address inequities in solid waste system, and create a plan
 - To include outreach efforts, services, staffing, infrastructure accessibility, and other system impacts on underserved populations
 - Plan should be finished by June 30, 2023
 - Consultant to review Regional Systems Study, then gather community input
 - This will tie in with the SWMP update
 - Equity Plan will serve as a chapter within the SWMP
 - Have already put together a list of plan holders to contact about RFP
 - Trying to keep it local (Clark County & Portland Metro region)
 -  Will need to approve it with Dept of Ecology and SWAC
 - Will meet with consultant frequently, once selected
 - Hoping to be able to use them to help implement plan

- There will likely be some crossover with Waste Connections and City of Vancouver
- DOE mentions \$5,000 grant, for [Waste-Not WA School Awards](#), is out now until September 30th.
 - May be good opportunity to work with diversity and grow program
 - [Examples of Waste Reduction Programs](#) include recycling and composting at schools
 - Requires no matching funds
 - Sami will be promoting this to more schools this school year

VI. Upcoming SWAC Meetings – George Sidles (*01:26:29)

- RCW 70.95 (recodified as [RCW 70A.205](#)) requires an update of the SWMP every five years
 - Last update was in 2015
- We have several schedules that point to this December as the end point
 - This seems unlikely to have so many things completed by that point
 - George is trying to organize those involved to get important elements out front
 - Some pieces may have to be delayed
- It is not possible to get SWAC members up to speed on a quarterly basis
 - Would like to put SWAC on a monthly schedule for a few months in order to share appropriate information
 - Will start with primer on statutory background; plan structure, and elements covered; RSS structure, and elements covered; current status; projected schedule;
 - Will also update Commission on collection contracts;
 - ! Should come back with some sort of schedule by next month

VII. Other Business (*01:35:31)

- DOE has been taking notes, and will send some information to Amber
 - Resources on HB1799
 - [2022 Organics Management Act - ESSHB 1779 Resources | Powered by Box](#)
 - [2022 Organics Management Law - Washington State Department of Ecology](#)
 - <https://app.box.com/s/0cjt1auj2nsekuqlgoovhkl1517uox7c> - Draft Composting Procurement Ordinance framework available from Zero Waste. Ecology did not prepare this sample ordinance. Direct questions to Heather Trim –Zero Waste WA - Executive Director -(206) 351-2898 (cell) [-heather@zerowastewashington.org](mailto:heather@zerowastewashington.org)
 - Is here to help and answer questions as necessary
- Kim leads the [PaintCare](#) program for the Western side of state
 - If there are any questions, comments, suggestions, please reach out to her at kharless@paint.org
 - Have reached out to Sarah to do presentations for Green Business
 - People have been trying to drop off paint wastewater
- Mike Mulligan has been researching waste plastics recycling opportunities, including
 - Mixed waste plastic recycled into jet fuel
 - Alternative surfaces, including concrete mixtures
 - College students in Capstone program looking for projects

VIII. Public Comment (*01:57:03)

- none

This meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm

Nest Special meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 1st, 2022

Next Regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 3rd, 2022

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