



CLARK COUNTY WASHINGTON
PUBLIC WORKS
SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING

Solid Waste Advisory Commission

Regular Meeting, May 1, 2025, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

In Person: Building Industry Association (BIA)

103 E 29th Street, Vancouver, WA 98663

Virtual: Zoom

Call to Order

Called to order by Jason Presser at 6:01 p.m.

Attendance

SWAC Members Present: Jason Presser, Derek Ranta, Rueben Greer, Candace Hanks, Kyle Potter, Joe Zimmerman, and Gabe Fauvelle

SWAC Members Absent: Mike Mulligan, Corey Troiani, Kim Harless

Clark County Staff: Chuck Harman, Sarah Keirns, Jess Fischberg, Tina Kendall, Amanda Zodrow, Sara Schroeder, Austin Kleinert-Strand, Bethanie Velasco, Hannah Pludow, Amber McKnight, Camille Salazar, Ken Lader and Amber Smith

Other Present: Kar Hufnagel (Parametrix), Julie Gilbertson (COV), Will Elder (COV), Christina Kullberg (ECY)

Approval of Minutes

February 6, 2025, Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve – Kyle Potter
- Seconded – Candace
- Approved

April 10, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve – Kyle Potter
- Seconded – Candace
- Approved

Program Updates

Solid Waste Enforcement
– Chuck Harman

- Overview of Solid Waste Enforcement.

Solid Waste Operations
- Joelle Loescher

Given by Sarah Kerins:

- The Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan, courtesy review from Ecology, will be completed by May 9th.

<p>Solid Waste Education and Outreach - Sarah Keirns</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campaigns, tabling, workshop engagement numbers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 30 events ○ 2000 residents ○ Scrappy cooking workshop - 76 attendees ○ Food Waste trivia night – 53 attendees ○ New graduate class for the Composter Recycler program • Green award winners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Peace Health ○ Simply Thyme Catering ○ TMSC Washington ○ Evergreen Habitat for Humanity
<p>City of Vancouver - Julie Gilbertson</p>	<p>Given by Will Elder:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AmeriCorps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This week, Washington Service Corp advised there is a pause in service, we are exploring alternatives. • RecycleU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recycling 101: Curbside Recycling Done Right ○ Recycling 201: Beyond Curbside Recycling. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Class Registration • Litter Stewards, volunteer with us to pick up litter, find events here • Completed 2024 Reporting to Ecology for total tons of organic materials diverted in 2024 and compost procured/used as required by state organics management laws. • A Yard Debris Contract with McFarlane's Bark is on City Council's agenda for approval on Monday, May 5, for a new 5-year contract. • Recyclables Processing Services – Negotiations and Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Master Services Agreement identified good faith negotiations to be held with the City, County and CRC for a future new Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) and processing contract. ○ Those negotiations began in February and ended in April with no agreement. We are evaluating our options and tracking other recyclables processing services options. ○ On April 21 City staff provided an update City Council, link to update. • Waste Connections – June COV Bill Insert Promoting Organics & Discount Dirt Hugger Compost

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday Neighborhood Cleanups (began in Marchand will run through October) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Events Planned for 2025: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 23 cleanup events are planned in 2025 ▪ Neighborhoods will continue to have the option to partner with local reuse retailers. <p>Other News:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Steve Worley, Public Works Director, will be retiring at the end of the month, and our Deputy Director, Steve Wall, will be filling in. Steve joined the City from Camas. • Main Street: Main Street Promise Be Heard Vancouver <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Construction began in 2025. It will progress south to north on Main from 5th St to 15th St in 2 block increments. The City's contractor is working closely with our team and service provider to ensure continuity of services and minimize disruptions throughout 2+ years of construction. Businesses and residents along Main Street will be kept informed through a network of Block Captains.
Waste Connections - Derek Ranta	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14,952 tons of self-haul for April • Noted a decline in total customers, but an increase in volume per customer • Commodities continue to move without current tariff issues • Identified gas pockets on the landfill property behind CTR that need mitigation • Hog fuel: only one facility currently accepting; exploring potential composting facility options • Education and Outreach Manager expected to be hired by May
New Business	
Solid Waste moved from Public Health to Public Works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ken Lader gave an update on why Solid Waste and Recycling is a better fit at Public Works.
Presentation	
Parametrix – Karl Hufnagel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the North County Recycling and Transfer Station Siting Study – focused on Phase I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Preliminary project schedule and guiding principles. ○ Progress on Task 1, Task 2, Task 3, Task 4, and Task 13 ○ Search area and conceptual site plan
Other Business	
By laws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jason Presser proposed the creation of a bylaw subcommittee and will follow up with board members to determine who is interested in joining.

Dirt Hugger Tour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A calendar invitation will be sent to determine attendance, and an agenda will be shared with those who accept the calendar invite.
SWAC Open Position	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Southwest Clark County open position has been posted, closing on May 30th.
Next Meeting	
August 7, 2025	
Adjournment	
Adjourned by Jason Presser at 7:16 p.m.	