

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC) MEETING MINUTES

October 3, 2018

Those Present

Regional/Cities: City of Bainbridge Island – Diane Landry, City of Bremerton – Milenka Hawkins-Bates, City of Port Orchard – Stephanie Bailey, City of Poulsbo – Shannon Wood, North Kitsap – Douglas Chamberlain, Central Kitsap – John Poppe, South Kitsap – Eric Lenius; Commercial: Bill Rich, Laura Kneib; Industry: Waste Management – Robert Rutledge; Suquamish Tribe – Jaime Lawrence

KCPW SWD: Pat Campbell, Keli McKay-Means, Chris Piercy, John Steinmetz, Barbara Bricker

KPHD: Jan Brower

Those Absent

Agriculture: Erika Anderson; Organics Management: Jeff West; Industry: Bainbridge Disposal – Heather Church; NAVFAC - Les Hastings; Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe – vacant

Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved

Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved

Correspondence

No Correspondence

KCPW

OVTS Tipping Floor Project and Communication Plan – Keli McKay-Means

The Olympic View Transfer Station (OVTS) tipping floor needs repair and restoration. The condition of the floor has deteriorated to where the rebar, used to stabilize the concrete, is showing through. The deterioration has progressed to the point where some rebar needed to be cut away to avoid getting caught in the equipment while loading the compactor. These repairs are a standard part of operations and a common problem among transfer stations. Floor repairs at OVTS were last made in 2009 and 2013.

The biggest challenge of the project is planning for the least amount of impact to customers. After many discussions and collecting of information, currently, the plan is for a complete ten-day closure of the facility to the public. During the closure, the main area in front of the compactor will be finished. The rest of the repairs can be done in phases with the facility open. The project is targeted for mid-January to take advantage of lower usage of the facility. During the closure, only the five commercial garbage haulers will have access for dumping. Waste Management will top load containers for hauling while the compactor is down. Curbside recyclables will not be collected during the closure to save space at OVTS and free those drivers for hauling to alternative locations.

During the project it is important to limit the amount of MSW brought into the facility. A letter asking account customers to limit hauling at this time will be mailed. Signs and flyers will be distributed at OVTS and all the recycle and garbage facilities. We are asking SWAC members for suggestions of communication outreach and any other things to be considered.

SWAC members' comments and suggestions:

- Can other projects/repairs at OVTS be scheduled during the closure?
- Can the rail loading area at North Mason Fiber be used for overflow?
- What are the extra costs for Waste Management?
- Waste Management needs to coordinate with the cities about the collection of recyclables.
- Posters could be displayed at home improvement stores.
- Posters could be displayed at libraries.
- Could electronic reader boards be placed on Hwy. 3 (before Gorst) to give haulers time to go elsewhere?
- Could it be on DOT reader boards on Hwy. 3?
- Kitsap County and all cities should send emails and letters to residents, post on Facebook etc.
- Since most neighborhood social media sites (Facebook, Next Door etc.) require membership, SWAC members can share Kitsap County posts. Jan, Diane and Laura are resources for many community pages.
- Announcements could be made on the BKAT channel.
- Announcements could be made on local radio.
- Information flyers/signs for other facilities could be available near OVTS for people who come with loads during the closure.
- Signs need to be displayed at OVTS as soon as possible.
- Announcements could be made at large events prior to the closure.
- Will recycle areas at OVTS be open?
 - No, a full facility closure is necessary to prevent any traffic at the transfer station.
- Jaime will check to see if they can put it into Suquamish Tribe notifications.
- Closing all day Friday, through the next week and the following Monday (11 day) would allow time to clear the floor before the contractor begins.

Plastic Bag Ordinance Update – Chris Piercy

Chris and Pat met with Kitsap County Commissioners today to discuss the pass-through fee section of the ordinance. After presenting SWAC's recommendations, advice from other cities and information about behavior changes, the commissioners in attendance agreed to the minimum five-cent fee. The proposed timeline for the ordinance is to pass it in spring of 2019, with full implementation expected by January 2020.

Round Table

Doug – How is the planning for the household hazardous waste facility in North Kitsap?

Pat replied that it is proceeding. A possible location is being reviewed, including an environmental assessment of the site.

Diane – Working on low waste events is really challenging. Vendors are interested but the logistics take a lot of effort.

Milenka – Bremerton City Council is having a community meeting about the Single-Use Plastic Bag Ban Tuesday, October 23rd. The plastic bag monster (showing a one-year supply) will be on display. Chris will work to get some outreach materials to her.

Pat –

- Solid Waste Division staff member Kevin Bevelhimer received the Award for Outstanding Personal Service from the North American Hazardous Materials Management Association. He was recognized for the great work he does helping people in difficult situations.
- Congratulations to Chris Piercy for being chosen by the American Public Works Association to attend their Emerging Leaders Academy. He will receive training, attend a retreat in Kansas City and be a part of the conference in Seattle next year.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:00.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2018.