

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC) MEETING MINUTES

October 2, 2019

Those Present

Regional/Cities: City of Bainbridge Island – Diane Landry, 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

KCPW SWD: Pat Campbell, Chris Piercy, John Steinmetz

KPHD: Bryan McKinnon

Guest: Stephanie Miller

Those Absent

Regional/Cities: City of Bremerton – Milenka Hawkins-Bates; Agriculture: Erika Anderson; Organics Management: Jeff West; Industry: Bainbridge Disposal – Heather Church; NAVFAC - Les Hastings; Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe – vacant, Suquamish Tribe – Jaime Lawrence

Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved.

Correspondence

No Correspondence.

KCPW – Chris Piercy, Continued review and discussion of Draft Service Level Ordinance

Follow up of the cart standards and how they impact Bainbridge Island Disposal and City of Poulsbo.

Bainbridge Island Disposal operates under their own Service Level Ordinance so changes to the Kitsap County's ordinance do not pertain to them. The same applies to the City of Poulsbo, the cart standards will impact only unincorporated areas of Kitsap County.

The designated recyclables list is a part of the Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan and the standards apply to all of Kitsap County.

Taking the items discussed off the recyclables list (frozen food boxes, milk cartons etc.) would be a small portion of the recycling stream compared to the expense of the extensive education and outreach, replacing over 1000 signs and stickers on dumpsters, etc.

The recyclables market has shown a slight increase over the past year. The tariff proposal that Waste Management submitted takes the commodity credit from \$0.10 to \$0.13 to the customers. Recycling costs are better now than in 2009 when the recession caused recycle costs to become a debit, not a credit. The Bainbridge Disposal tariff is still a debit, due mainly to transport costs, still the debit dropped from \$6.00 per month to \$4.00 per month. Solid Waste staff recommends that the recyclables list stay the same.

Questions and Comments:

- Diane Landry asks how to explain the difference of items collected at the Bainbridge Island Transfer Station versus what can be taken to Kitsap County facilities?

Chris answered that he has always talked only about what Kitsap County takes in. People need to contact the private companies for answers about why they don't take the same items.

- Eric Lenius stated that there has been some great conversation, but he wants to do what is best for our county, not what is convenient. He is concerned that we do not have enough data to decide what should be done. Is too much spent on recycling that is not really recycled? If all items are left on the list can we get contamination down, so we have better recovery of paper?

Chris responds that all items collected here are recycled. Research using the Ecology's WARM model (a tool used to demonstrate the greenhouse gas savings associated with each item recycled) shows all commodities collected exhibit a positive effect. The WARM model is on the Ecology website.

Bryan McKinnon recommended looking up the State SWAC study by UW students called Developing Secondary Markets for Recycled Materials in the Pacific Northwest. This could help clarify some questions about recyclables.

- Diane Landry asks why we are concerned about the costs of signs and outreach for changing the list now when we were going to add items (scrap metal and buckets) before that would incur the same costs?

Chris answered that those changes were in alignment with the best practices list put out by Ecology eight years ago and that at the time there was a market and a demand to add those items.

The review of the Service Level Ordinance will also include discussion of yard waste boundaries.

In response to conversation and presentations by citizens impacted by the yard waste boundaries at the last meeting, the County has met with Waste Management to discuss changing yard waste boundaries. Waste Management is gathering info for costs of expanding the yard waste routes. Possibilities for expansion are to add areas where the most growth is happening or to expand to include the whole county. Discussion of changes to yard waste collection will continue at the next SWAC meeting when they have more information of costs associated with the expansion.

Questions:

- Doug Chamberlain asked if the capacity at OVTS is being considered for the rapid growth of Kitsap County?

Pat answered that the OVTS Facility Master Plan is being worked on now and all that is being considered. Changes to the facility are at least two years away.

An informal vote was taken on whether to keep the designated recyclables list the same or to make changes.

Those in favor of keeping the recyclables list the same: 5

Those in favor of making changes to the list: 0.

Those abstaining: 3

Round Table

Diane Landry – There was the Bainbridge Island Beach Cleanup on Saturday. The cleanup is done when the tides are lowest. They had a large increase in the number of volunteers, from around two hundred to three hundred eighty. People came from all over to participate. Bainbridge Disposal provided free disposal of all the refuse collected. The Harbor Master was a big help getting the Coast Guard to help get large items out.

Bryan McKinnon – Kitsap Public Health District has hired another person in the solid and hazardous waste program. They received two new grants in 2019, one for Pollution Prevention Assistance and one for Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance. A lot of work has taken place of homeless encampment clean ups.

Laura Kneib – The store is developing a liquid soap using 30% of waste vegetable oil and they are hoping to get it up to 50% of waste vegetable oil. They are also using glass bottles to be able to bring in for refilling.

Shannon Wood – City of Poulsbo is working to improve stormwater management in their commercial solid waste enclosures.

Chris Piercy – Outreach for the upcoming bag ban includes pop up events to hand out bags at local stores. FAQ sheets are being prepared to send out to stores.

John Poppe – Kitsap PUD membrane facility at the Port Gamble facility is collecting forty-three pounds of nitrogen per household each year, from stormwater runoff, that is not going into Puget Sound.

Stephanie Miller – Olympic Organics has temporarily stopped taking green waste at the Bremerton location due to an arson fire. Retail sales are still available.

Pat Campbell – Commissioner Gelder is creating videos featuring the different divisions of Public Works for his Commissioners Corner. Next week he will be videoing Solid Waste.

Pat explained about the possible name changes of the recycle and garbage facilities from Hansville, Silverdale and Olalla to North Kitsap, Central Kitsap and South Kitsap. The name changes make it easier for new residents to find the location nearest to where they are. SWAC members agreed the proposed name changes make sense.

Doug Chamberlain asked about the North Kitsap Household Hazardous Waste facility. Pat indicated that a public announcement is expected soon.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 4, 2019