

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC) MEETING MINUTES
Virtual Teams Meeting, June 3, 2020

Those Present

Regional/Cities: City of Bainbridge Island – Diane Landry, City of Bremerton – Melinda Monroe, 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; Industry: Bainbridge Disposal – Heather Church, Waste Management – Robert Hall, Laura Moser; Organics Management: Jeff West; Washington Dept. of Ecology: Shannon Jones

KCPW SWD: Chris Piercy, Roosevelt Bradley, Caitlin Newman, Eirik O’Neal, Lauren Liming, Barbara Bricker

KPHD: Steve Brown, Eric Evans

Guest: Beth Berglund

Those Absent

Agriculture: Erika Anderson; NAVFAC - Les Hastings; Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe – vacant, Suquamish Tribe – Jaime Lawrence

Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved with the addition of Chris Piercy presenting the changes to the Solid Waste Division for Governor Inslee’s Covid 19 “Stay Home Stay Healthy” order.

Changes to the solid waste operations during “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order – Chris Piercy

The action was taken to close the county run garbage and recycle facilities at the onset of Governor Inslee’s “Stay Home Stay Healthy” order to keep staff and the public safe. During the closure, the time was used to evaluate and implement changes to operations following Covid 19 safety guidelines.

- Olympic View Transfer Station was open to account holders only, this was to keep transactions with staff limited. Recycling, at all facilities, was closed.
- Essential businesses could bring loads to Olympic View Transfer Station using vouchers that they applied for online.
- Weekend events were added at Olympic View for residents with special circumstances (no curbside services, moving, estate clean-ups etc.) to bring loads containing up to six cans or bags.
- OVTS and Hansville opened to the public taking credit cards only for payment. They are the only facilities capable of taking credit cards. The two cash only facilities, Olalla, and Silverdale, were closed longer until safe cash handling procedures could be developed. HHW opened approximately three weeks ago the last step to almost normal operations.
- During this time Bainbridge Island Disposal maintained regular operations.
- Some serious tonnage loses occurred at OVTS during the closure, but quantities rapidly returned to normal after re- opening.

Chris gave huge kudos to the entire Solid Waste Division for working so hard, putting in long hours, to get the system back online.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for both Dec. 4, 2019 and Feb. 5, 2020 approved.

Correspondence

No Correspondence

Elections for SWAC 2020 Officers

Nominations were made to re-elect Stephanie Bailey for Chairperson and John Poppe for Co-Chairperson. Motions were made and SWAC voted unanimously to accept Stephanie and John Poppe as the officers for 2020.

KCPW

Continued discussion of recommended changes to draft Service Level Ordinance –

The resolution draft with changes noted is attached. Some final changes to the ordinance were discussed:

- The Board of County Commissioners approved SWAC's recommendation to broaden the yard waste collection boundaries. Boundaries will expand by commissioner districts. District one will be first to expand because there is so much interest from residents in the area. District three is last to expand as it is the largest and most challenging area.
- Added outreach with emphasis to "include the food" in yard waste containers.
- Senior and disabled persons recycling exemption changed to include rental home tenants.
- Remove language "There will be no additional charge for using the recycling facilities." This change was made because recycling is changing and charging for recycling may happen in the future.

Motion was made and approved by SWAC to recommend changes as written to the amendment Kitsap County code chapter 9.48 "Residential Recycling Collection" with the understanding that any additional language changes will be brought back to SWAC for recommendation.

Round Table

Chris Piercy - Introduced Caitlin Newman, the new Recycling and Outreach Programs Supervisor for Solid Waste, Lauren Liming of Solid Waste Outreach and Education, and Roosevelt Bradley the new supervisor for the Moderate Risk Waste Facility. The latest rate increases, that SWAC approved a few years ago, start the first of July. OVTS RFP draft should go out next month to the three companies that will bid on it.

Caitlin Newman – Shared she is excited to work with SWAC.

Diane Landry – Zero Waste offered volunteers access to fifty trash grabbers and bags for roadside litter clean up. Full bags of litter can be placed next to their cans for regular pick up by Bainbridge Disposal.

Heather Church – Bainbridge Disposal will follow the Kitsap County rate increase the first of July.

Shannon Jones – Gave an update on the State Contamination Reduction and Outreach Plan (CROP).

Shannon Wood – City of Poulsbo passed their bag ban.

Steve Brown – Looking forward to working with SWAC.

Jeff West – Olympic Organics closed for four weeks and then reopened in May and sold out of compost during the Covid 19 “Stay at Home Order”. Olympic Organics purchased New equipment to help remove plastic out of the compost.

Bill Rich – Kitsap Transit is busy dealing with the new Covid 19 requirements for sanitation.

Lauren Liming – Worked to develop the Goose Chase online app to create the Great Kitsap Virtual Scavenger Hunt for families to do during the Covid 19 stay at home order. Ended with over 430 teams participating.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:30

Next Meeting

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 5, 2020