

THURSTON COUNTY
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes of January 2, 2019
9605 Tilley Rd. S., Suite B, Olympia, WA

ROLL CALL:		Alternate (A)
		Excused (E)
		Not Present (NP)
		Present (P)
Members	Interest/Organization	
Jessica Bateman (Chair)	City of Olympia	E
Gary Edwards (<i>Josh Cummings</i>)	County Commissioners Office	E
Joe Downing	Port of Olympia	E
Joan Cathey	City of Tumwater	E
Michael Steadman (<i>Lenny Greenstein</i>)	City of Lacey	P
Dave Watterson	City of Tenino	P
EJ Curry	City of Yelm	P
Greg Schoenbachler	District #1, Citizen Representative and Agricultural Representative	P
Burton Guttman	District #2, Citizen Representative	P
Renee Radcliff Sinclair (Vice Chair)	District #3, Citizen Representative	P
Delroy Cox (<i>John Cox</i>)	Industry Representative – Refuse	P
Chad Sutter	Industry Representative – Recycling	P
Daniel Venable	Business Representative	NP

Staff Present: Monica Gorman, Amanda Romero and Angela Celestine – Public Works; Chris Hawkins and Peter Soderberg– Public Health and Social Services.

Guests Present: John Cox and Jeff Harwood – LeMay/Waste Connections; Steve Gilmore - Republic Services; Ruby Irving – Klickitat County Solid Waste; Mariah McBride – Sutter Metals.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The January 2, 2019 Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Renee Sinclair at 11:35 am.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Delroy Cox made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the November 7, 2018 SWAC meeting and the agenda for the January 2, 2019 meeting, and Dave Watterson seconded the motion. The committee voted and unanimously approved the minutes from November 7, 2018 and the agenda for January 2, 2019.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Elections for 2019 Chair and Vice Chair (requested by the SWAC)

Renee nominated Michael Steadman for the SWAC 2019 Chair; Dave seconded the motion. The committee voted and unanimously approved. Michael nominated Renee for the SWAC 2019 Vice Chair; Burt Guttman seconded the motion. The Committee voted and unanimously approved.

5. OLD BUSINESS

SWAC members' term expirations (requested by staff)

Monica Gorman announced that the nomination letters for Dave Watterson and EJ Curry were received and forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) for approval. Renee Radcliff Sinclair's application was also received by the BoCC for approval. Nomination letters were still needed from the Port of Olympia, the City of Tumwater, and from the BoCC or the designee. Monica stated that since Jessica Bateman will not be continuing to serve on the committee, a nomination letter is also needed from the City of Olympia for its next representative. Monica mentioned that the next city council meeting is set for January 14, 2019, and the next representative will be chosen at that time.

SWAC 2019 Work Plan Development (requested by the SWAC)

Burt distributed additional topics he proposed be included in the 2019 SWAC work plan. *See attachment A.*

Dave suggested the SWAC consider adding a general discussion about plastic waste reduction as it pertains to manufacturing and packaging to the agenda of an upcoming meeting. Michael concurred. Requesting the addition of a plastics and education discussion to the March agenda, Dave said he would do some research and bring examples of what other communities were doing to address the issue. Delroy suggested an update on the China Sword initiative and its impact on the current recycling markets.

Michael inquired if the presentation on education and outreach programs scheduled for the September 2019 meeting could be moved from September to an earlier meeting. Monica explained that the Education and Outreach Supervisor position is vacant, and that the employment opportunity is open continuously until filled. She would like the position filled before covering that agenda item.

Monica asked for clarification regarding the committee adopting the 2019 SWAC Workplan as is. Delroy asked the committee if the frequency of meetings was sufficient. Greg proposed more frequent meetings. Renee pointed out that more frequent meetings would offer more opportunities for discussion. Michael voiced concerns over having a meeting just to have a meeting. Greg remarked that scheduled meetings could be cancelled due to a light agenda. Renee inquired if the first Wednesday of the month still worked for most of the committee. Dave and

Michael both stated that there were some conflicts with their respective schedules but would be willing to accommodate. Chad Sutter suggested that a scheduling poll be sent out, as was done last year.

Referring to the draft Workplan, Renee asked staff if the revised draft of the Solid Waste Management Plan would be available for review in May as action from the committee is required. Monica stated that May was a projection based on information provided from the project's consultant and would keep the committee informed.

Burt moved to schedule a February meeting, suggesting committee members bring forth ideas regarding public education. EJ seconded the motion; the committee voted and unanimously agreed. Chris Hawkins offered that Public Health and Social Services could provide information on what educational efforts it provides. Dave suggested adding an emphasis on reducing and reusing under the public education topic of the February agenda and adding it to the workplan as well.

Dave made a motion to approve the SWAC 2019 Workplan with the addition of a public education discussion on reduce/reuse for February; Burt seconded the motion. The committee voted, and it was unanimously approved.

Talking Trash (requested by the SWAC)

Renee noted that both Joan Cathey and Joe Downing were interested in an update on the Talking Trash publication. As both committee members were unable to attend the January meeting, Michael requested the agenda item be tabled until the March meeting.

6. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Delroy asked for an update regarding the status of curbside recycling collection and mixed paper marketability. Jeff Harwood reported that collection was good, and most of the recyclable material was getting recycled. He added that getting an update on the markets from Dave Claugus of Pioneer Recycling may be helpful as the committee discusses public education efforts. Jeff also advised caution around plastic recycling due to the specificity of which plastics can be recycled. In his opinion, the educational shift should be focused on reducing and reusing. He thought there had been too much emphasis on recycling.

Delroy brought up that it would be helpful if there was a uniform commodity standard for recycling locally as well as statewide. Greg commented that one of the issues with plastic waste is the amount coming from packaging. He suggested collaborating with other SWACs on the goal of reducing manufacturer packaging at the source. The committee discussed educating the public on ways to reduce plastic waste by making alternative buying choices as consumers.

The January 2, 2019 SWAC meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

The next SWAC meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. located at 9605 Tilley Rd. S., Building B, Chehalis Room, Olympia, WA 98512.

Audio files of these meeting minutes are available upon request.