



SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Thursday May 2, 2024, 6:00-8:00 PM

In Person: Clark County Public Health

1601 E. Fourth Plain Blvd. Vancouver, WA 98661

Online: Zoom

SWAC Members Present: Joe Zimmerman, Kyle Potter, Tim Kraft, Derek Ranta, Kim Harless, Mike Mulligan, Reuben Greer, Gabe Fauvelle

SWAC Members Excused: Jason Presser

SWAC Members Unexcused:

Staff Present: Kimberly Walker-Norton, Joelle Loescher, Sarah Keirns, Jess Fischberg, Tina Kendall, Amber McKnight, Camille Shelton, Celina Montgomery, Pete DuBois, Mackenzie Hagedorn, Amanda Zodrow, Bethanie Davis, Mary Hurley

Others Present: Julie Gilbertson (COV), Christina Kullberg (ECY), Steve Worley (COV)

Meeting began at 6:01 pm

I. Roll Call, Approval of Minutes – February 1, 2024 (*00:00:21)

- Motion to approve by Mike
 - Seconded by Reuben
 - Approved

II. Updates (*00:01:11)

- [Clark County Public Health – Solid Waste Operations](#)
 - Sent out in advance
 - ILA with COV signed in February
 - SWMP all content has been sent to consultant for design formatting
 - Still working on data table designs
- Clark County Public Health – [Solid Waste Education & Outreach](#)
 - Sent out in advance
 - Gathering momentum on food waste prevention outreach
 - Planning for Secure your Load campaign
 - Partnering with Ecology
 - Tabled at Home & Garden Idea Fair
 - Reached nearly 3,000 people
- Clark County Public Health – [Solid Waste Enforcement](#)
 - Provided updates on inspections in Q1
 - Vancouver Plastics site visit with ECY on 4/16
 - Columbia Rock site visit with ECY on 4/16
 - East County Materials exempt site update
 - Burlington Environmental joint inspection with ECY staff on Thursday 4/18
 - COV has program which may be able to help dispose of vapes within schools
 - Hope to expand to whole county, not just COV
- [City of Vancouver](#)
 - COV will also be running a Secure Your Load campaign in June
 - Spring coupon program on now
 - Has begun Saturday Neighborhood cleanup events
 - Looking to expand Organics program by collecting data to determine gaps
 - Made Food Waste Proclamation to mark Food Waste Prevention Week
 - Stormwater received grant through EPA to multifamily homes and SQGs



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- *More detailed information was emailed after the meeting, and has been uploaded to the [SWAC webpage](#) as "COV Update"*
- **Waste Connections**
 - Busy start to the year
 - ~3000 customer increase from last year
 - ~5% increase
 - Send crews out around the transfer stations to clean up
 - Busy on educational side in April
 - Yacolt cleanup last week
 - Ridgefield cleanup a couple weeks ago
 - Increased homeless activity around dumpsters
 - Acquired Pioneer Recycling, including MRFs

III. Vape and Battery Outreach Update – Camille Shelton and Mackenzie Hagedorn (*00:46:20)

Battery Disposal Outreach

- Battery drop off locations at several hardware store locations
- Flyer with disposal map provided
- Drop off locations accept batteries in designated box
- Toolkit provided to locations
- Extensive outreach campaign
- Composter/Recycler volunteer training
- Outreach materials provided at outreach events

Vape Disposal Outreach

- Targeted approach to 300 retailers within county
- Digital campaigns planned
- Also plan in person material distribution
 - Window clings
 - Posters
 - Flyers

IV. Community Hub Composting Presentation – Pete DuBois and Celina Montgomery (*01:08:11)

- Congregation to Community Composting Hub transition
- Pilot began as a residential program
 - At home composting not available to all county residents
- Enrolled churches to host composting bins to their congregants
 - Congregants would bring in food scraps to churches
- Has been successful enough to spread to other commercial businesses
 - Commercial facilities – employees only
 - Community hubs – available to anyone
- Looking to have more community hubs, and expand commercial to community
- Food waste has been largely contamination free
- Food waste is sent to Dirt Huggers for composting
- Weekly reporting helps determine successes, and needs
 - 💡 Please look into the social equity needs as well



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- Plan to establish new community hubs, do more outreach to both commercial and residential locations

V. Other Business (*01:32:17)

- 💡 Joe would be interested in having a subcommittee regarding food waste
- Kim mentioned WSRA and AOR annual conferences are both local this year, and both include a tour of PaintCare's Portland Metro location

VI. Public Comment (*01:35:20)

- None

This meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm

Next Regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 1, 2024

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