

Manchester Community Advisory Council Minutes

Oct. 3, 2023 Public Meeting

Manchester Library Meeting Room

Members in Attendance: Carol Malmquist (Chair & Northern Neighborhoods), Janelle Overton (California Neighborhood), Carrilu Thompson (Manchester Community Association), Susan Shaw (Port of Manchester), Sharon Holst (Colchester Neighborhood), Russ Higgins (Alaska Neighborhood), O Ray Pardo (Friends of the Manchester Library)

Excused Absences: Ana Langone, Amber Brown

Guests: Kristy Day (Kitsap County Public Works Solid Waste Division), Amelia Rohwein (Clean Kitsap), Steve Brown (Kitsap Public Health District), Bob Ballard, Rashmi Ballard, Paul E. Drotz, Troy Violette, Madison Feiste

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Carol at 6:30 pm.

Guest Speakers:

A. Kristy Day of the Kitsap County Public Works Solid Waste Division gave a presentation on the state of garbage collection and recycling in the county. There is an added focus going forward on eco-waste (paint care, light recycling, e-cycling), along with an effort to reduce chemical waste. Also getting attention from the county and state is the role of climate change and the possibility of turning organic waste - food, manure, yard waste, etc. - which now makes up almost a quarter of landfill mass, into energy instead. (The state has a goal of a 50% reduction in organic waste by 2032.)

B. Amelia Rohwein of Clean Kitsap was on hand to discuss the Adopt-A-Spot trash pickup program, which is seeking local volunteers, individually or in groups, to keep our neighborhoods clean. She also mentioned the See Click Fix! initiative of the county (reachable at Kitsap1.com or 360-337-5777), which citizens can use to report illegal dumping and other safety concerns.

C. Steve Brown of the Solid and Hazardous Waste Division of the Kitsap Public Health Department spoke about the department's role in managing dumped and/or dangerous trash on private property. There are approximately 600 solid-waste violations given out by KPHD per year. The department works with businesses in its Pollution Prevention Assistance Program. He also gave insights as to just where our trash ends up (in eastern Oregon).

I. Administrative Items

A. Approval of the minutes from the September 2023 meeting: Ray (motion), Sharon (second); minutes approved.

II. Business Items

A. Traffic and Safety Subcommittee: Janelle has acquired reflective gear to be used as armbands, etc., to encourage people to be seen when walking on Manchester roads.

B. Zoning Subcommittee: Carrilu reported on the committee's meeting with Deputy County Administrator Eric Baker on the possible updates to the county's Comprehensive Plan. She noted that the Department of Community Development has extended the deadline for its proposals to December. Eric will be at the December meeting of the MCAC.

III. Announcements and Public Comments

A. Ray announced there will be a Friends of the Manchester Library tour of the water treatment plant on Wednesday, October. 25.

B. Troy Violette asked about a possible new encampment situation at the corner of Alaska and Mile Hill Dr. Carol said should would pass the information along to the county.

C. Next meeting of the MCAC will be held November 7th.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm: Carrilu (motion), Janelle (second); meeting adjourned.