

KITSAP COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

April 6, 2022

4:00 p.m.

AGENDA

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CORRESPONDENCE

KCPW

- SWD's new "Adopt-A-Spot" volunteer litter program – Grant LaCrosse
- Update on OVTS transition – Rates, Scalehouse, etc. – Chris Piercy
- Capital Improvement Projects update – Chris Piercy

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

PUBLIC COMMENTS



**SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC)
MEETING MINUTES – Held via Zoom
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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; Commercial: Laura Kneib; Industry: Waste Management – Robert Hall, Laura Moser; Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe – Josh Carter.

KCPW SWD: Chris Piercy, Caitlin Newman, Grant LaCrosse, Amelia Rohwein, Barbara Bricker, Tamara Krueger

KPHD: Steve Brown

Ecology: Olivia Carros

Public Attendees: Janine Blaeloch

Those Absent: Central Kitsap – John Poppe, South Kitsap – Eric Lenius; Commercial: Bill Rich Agriculture: Erika Anderson; Organics Management: Jeff West; Industry: Bainbridge Disposal – Heather Church; NAVFAC - Les Hastings; Suquamish Tribe – Jaime Lawrence.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved with the addition of the Olympic View closure update.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

February 2, 2022, minutes approved as written.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

KCPW

Caitlin Newman introduced the Clean Kitsap Program Coordinator - Grant LaCrosse and Program Specialist - Amelia Rohwein

SWD's New "Adopt-A-Spot" Volunteer Litter Program Presentation – Grant LaCrosse

Grant presented the new interactive "Adopt-A-Spot" website where prospective volunteers can sign up for litter clean up on roadsides, beaches or trails. Volunteers can also get training, enter collection data, and request supplies here. The website will go live in early May.

Questions:

What happened to the community service people who picked up litter?

There are only a few people who come from the community service programs. The Sheriff's litter crew was staffed from low level inmates and there are not enough of them for the pick-up crews. The few have other tasks they are committed to (kitchen in the jail, etc.).

There are some areas volunteers cannot cover (state highways). What ideas do you have for addressing them?

There is the State "Adopt-a-Highway" program, they pay a third-party entity to pick up the litter.

Chris and Caitlin to work with the City of Bremerton to provide resources wherever possible.

The new Ecology supervisor for Kitsap County has a couple of staff who are working on clean ups in our area.

Concerned that this is not enough of a program to get the highways cleaned up. They are in bad shape.

Mid to late winter there is always a down trend for median clean ups. The cold, rainy weather and shorter days make it difficult for litter crews. Ecology crews have already started with the better weather, and we are already noticing an improvement.

Can the orange/white litter bags be left with carts for curbside pickup?

Bainbridge Island Disposal has agreed to pick up the bags at curbside. There is also an account now for volunteers to take bags to Bainbridge Disposal on Vincent Rd.

Do volunteers get sharps containers?

If volunteers are interested, we have training and containers for their use. They can also call Kitsap Health District to report sharps for cleanup.

OVTS Transfer of Operations Update – Chris Piercy

Today the Board of Kitsap County Commissioners guided staff to move forward with a public hearing for the Olympic View Transfer Station Capital Improvements Contract. This supplemental contract will allow us to work with Waste Management to carry out all improvements needed to the facility, one of which is the installation of a much needed second compactor.

In September the board adopted the Operations, Maintenance, Transportation and Disposal Contract with Waste Management, and we are on track for the June 1, deadline implementing the terms of the contract. This includes readying for the rate increases, hiring and training new

employees for the OVTS scale house, and recycle area operations. This brings the Solid Waste Division from 30 employees to a total of 36.

Olympic View Temporary Closure Update – Chris Piercy

OVTS had a significant equipment failure of the compactor. The compactor is the heart of operations, it is how we get the train cars filled for hauling, and when the compactor fails, we must change course fast to make things work at OVTS. Kudos to Waste Management, they have worked tirelessly with us to keep operations going and get the compactor fixed. They have also done a great job notifying customers of impacts to curbside collections. Some collections were missed this week, that is not Waste Management's fault, the failure is with the equipment at the facility, and they cannot move the waste. Curbside collections resumed today, and the drop box operations will open on normal schedules the rest of this week. OVTS is still closed to the public. The compactor should be running by Saturday and transfer station operations back on track by Monday. This is the first major breakdown of the equipment in the 19 years and 9 months since OVTS opened.

Questions:

Were customers notified of missed pickups?

Waste Management was great about notifying customers.

Capital Improvement Projects update – Chris Piercy

The OVTS Capital Improvements Contract Public Hearing is on April 25. The North Kitsap Service Center project is approaching 30% design, there are some nice conceptual designs. There is a public meeting on May 4, Rick Gilbert from the Solid Waste Division will be there.

The Silverdale Improvement Project is also approaching 30% design. In May or June there will be some public outreach for public comment.

Is there still a densifier for Styrofoam in the plan?

It is not currently in the plan, there is a private entity looking to start a densifying business in the area. We have the space if needed in the future.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Chris Piercy – The Solid Waste Management Plan is approaching five years old. By state law we must review it next year. We should start having monthly meetings to work on this towards the end of 2023.

Legislation Updates:

House Bill 1799. It deals with organics management. Some changes are necessary to our organic's collections. We already have the plan in place to have full county curbside organics

collections by 2026. Caitlin and Chris are exploring requirements for commercial collections, and they should have more information by the June SWAC meeting.

House bill 1663. Trailer bill to the Climate Commitment Act affects landfills that have higher levels of methane gas. The county owned landfills have very little methane so we should qualify after the one-time reporting requirement.

Amelia Rohwein – Keeping busy working through all the details of the “Adopt-A-Spot” program.

Caitlin Newman – Clean Kitsap team is planning a tire/scrap metal collection event in June at the fairgrounds.

Diane Landry – City of Bainbridge hired a climate officer. Created a city Climate Challenge. Teams can sign up to report what efforts they are taking to eliminate greenhouse gases.

Josh Carter – The Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe is starting an anti-litter, illegal dumping campaign with the goal to lower incidences of illegal dumping around Kitsap County.

Steve Brown of the Kitsap Health District offered the list of permitted haulers for the campaign.

Chris offered the help of the Solid Waste Division.

Olivia Carros – Attending for Carolyn Bowie from Ecology. Olivia is the new planner for Kitsap County.

Stephanie Bailey – She will not be here to chair the June meeting. Chris will reach out to John Poppe to chair the June meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 1, 2022