

Walla Walla County Solid Waste Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2019
City Hall, 15 N. Third Avenue

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m. by Paul Hartwig, SWAC Chair.

Members present:

Paul Hartwig
Randy Hinchliffe
Darrick Dietrich
Kevin Tureman
Sandy Shelin
RL McFarland

Members absent:

Steve Moss
Chuck Kimzey

Staff:

Ki Bealey, Public Works Director
Jeanne Walter, Solid Waste Coordinator
Darci Bell, Public Works Administrative Support Coordinator

Guests/Audience:

Meagan Gilmore, Department of Ecology
Todd Kimball, County Commissioner
Charlie Dietrich, Basin Disposal
Heather Church, Department of Ecology (via telephone)

Presentation of Agenda

Paul asked if any member requested any additions to the Agenda. Darrick moved to approve the agenda as presented. Randy seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes

Todd noted that he is not a member of the Committee, he is a guest and asked that his attendance be changed in the minutes. Darrick moved to approve the minutes as amended from the November 1, 2018, meeting. Randy seconded. Motion carried.

Business

- **Solid Waste Coordinator Position Status** – Jeanne Walter, new Solid Waste Coordinator for the City was introduced. Jeanne started on February 6, 2019. Jeanne provided some background information on herself.
- **Update on DOE's Recycling Education/Outreach efforts** – Megan shared that DOE has hired a consultant, C+C, who is conducting an anti-contamination campaign. C+C is currently testing messages/images. The scope of their contract involves identifying messages and making sure they are clearly understood and that all recyclables need to be clean and dry. Other elements like size and shape vs. the color and number on the recyclables are being considered. The funding ends June 30, but they are hoping to

continue in the next biennium. The focus is on high quality recycling and changing habits.

- **Solid Waste Projects Update:**

- **Update on Bioreactor** – Ki indicated that this is really a recirculation project. The application has been submitted to the Department of Ecology. SEPA comments were solicited.
- **Entrance Facilities Improvements** - Ki indicated that the project is at 60% design.

- **Glass Recycling Proposal and Discussion:** Ki provided some history of the glass recycling program the City managed previously and then discussed a new proposal which would be managed by the Landfill. There would be one drop box located at the Landfill and then maybe two other locations around town. The City would put out a Request for Proposals to manage the program. Ki asked for the SWAC's interest in the idea. There was discussion by the members that perhaps the wineries should pursue this. Kevin offered to provide Jeanne a list of wineries and a letter could be sent to them to inquire if they were interested. Darrick offered to reach out to Walla Walla Recycling to see if they would be interested in receiving the glass. No action was taken.

- **Legislative Actions/Discussion and the potential effects/impacts for Walla Walla –** There was discussion on the following bills: HB 1795 (ensuring the long-term economic and environmental sustainability of the state's recycling system within the existing regulatory structure) - DOE is not in favor of the bill, HB 1543 (sustainable recycling), HB 1652 (paint stewardship), SB 5747 (studying the use of solid waste to produce renewable energy) - Ecology is watching this bill, HB 1205 (establishing minimum state standards for the use of bags at retail establishments), and HB 1204 (responsible management of plastic packaging).

Wrap Up

- **Public Comments:** Megan indicated that Walla Walla will be receiving \$250,000 through the LSWFA Grant for HHW. The application process will start in the next few months. Megan also indicated that the Solid Waste Management Plan is up for an update. More information will be forthcoming.
- **Next meeting:** Paul stated that the next meetings is scheduled for May 2.
- **Around the table announcements, etc.:** None

Adjourn

Darrick moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.