



**SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC)
MEETING MINUTES – Meeting Held via Zoom**

December 7, 2022

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, Central Kitsap – John Poppe, South Kitsap – Eric Lenius; Industry: Waste Management – Robert Hall, Laura Moser; Bainbridge Disposal – Heather Church; NAVFAC – Christina Duggar; Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe – Josh Carter

KCPW SWD: Caitlin Newman, Lauren Liming, Barbara Bricker, Tamara Krueger

KPHD: Steve Brown

Public Attendees: Barbara Ochata, Julie Raymond, Penny Bowles, Autumn Salamack

Those Absent: Agriculture: Erika Anderson; Commercial: Bill Rich, Laura Kneib; Industry: Olympic Organics – Jeff West; Suquamish Tribe – Jaime Lawrence

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

SWAC members made motions and approved the June 1 and August 3, 2022, meeting minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence

KPHD

Group Collection Sites - Presented by Steve Brown

Steve explained that “group collection sites” are collections of MSW and recycling carts at the end of roads, and in the right of way, where there is no access for curbside service. The problems that arise with these sites is that people tend to leave their cans out attracting and causing illegal dumping and unsightly areas in the neighborhoods. Some of these sites have been a problem for many years. The Health District regulates these sites. KPHD is considering equity and equality in all actions.

Recently KPHD has sent “Enforcement & Corrective Action” letters to landowners at some of the worst sites. They have had a good response to the letters. A lot of the properties currently do not have service so those containers were collected by the carrier, others removed their carts or contacted KPHD to seek other options.

SWAC discussed other possible arrangements people can make. These include using a smaller cart, to arrange with a neighbor or relative to help, or hire a neighbor/handyman etc. to haul for them.

Questions:

Does WM offer a service, to pick up carts for people who need it?

They do offer the service for a fee. Drive-in and carry-out service rules are spelled out in the UTC Tariff. Fees for the service are based on distance. Residents with disabilities are not charged for carry-out services, but not all those people would even be eligible. This only applies to unincorporated areas; Cities may have additional drive-in/carry-out services written into their contracts.

KPHD is presenting to the Board of Health for recommendations on how to proceed with the enforcement of these sites.

KCPW

Recycling & Composting Program Alignment - Presented by Caitlin Newman

Kitsap County Solid Waste is moving forward to follow the guidelines of the Contamination Reduction and Outreach Plan (the CROP was added to the Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan last year). We are hoping to streamline the many varied lists and guides of recyclables used by Waste Management, the Cities, the Tribes, etc. around Kitsap County. The variety of lists can cause confusion and distrust by people trying to recycle.

The options for change are: Develop one guide to be used by all, to have different guides for separate programs, a combination of these, or status quo (each of the above mentioned using their own lists).

SWAC members discussed the difficulties of having so many different lists and unanimously recommends working towards one guide/list of recyclables to be used by all.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Caitlin Newman – Stop by the transfer stations to see the new wayfinding signs.

Diane Landry – City of Bainbridge's new container ordinance starts in 2023.

Heather Church – New Bainbridge Disposal website will launch tomorrow; site will have all new guides and extreme weather updates.

Laura Moser – Waste Management's website is newly updated to translate information into over one hundred languages.

Public attendee, Penny Bowles – It's been great meeting all of you. She is a teacher and runs a non-profit her website is, www.sofantic.com

Robert Hall – Definitely in favor of streamlining information into a single list.

Caitlin Newman – Note from Chris Piercy, he will be presenting the 2023 Work Plan and holding officer elections at the February meeting.

Barbara Bricker – Note from Chris Piercy, SWAC meetings will most like switch to monthly in July while working on the Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan

Lauren Liming – Lauren left a note in chat: The updated tote bags for multi-family residents are being delivered next week. You will be receiving an update about multi-family property drop-offs soon.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 1, 2023.