

SWAC Summary

July 12, 2007

Present: Mary Jean Hrbacek, Chair, Elrey Simon, Jeff Roberge, Jan Ward, Janet O'Connor, Rik Fredrickson, Tracy Farrell, Rose Swier, Tami Ramsey, David Baker

Following the all to order and roll call, the Chair announced that she has taken a position with the County, and volunteered to step down from the Committee. Since the by-laws do not require this, the Committee unanimously supported her in retaining the Chair. Minutes and agenda were approved.

Staff announcements: The County Fair will take place the last weekend in July. There will be a booth, and members are welcome to assist in staffing. There was a fire at the Transfer Station in Shelton. The fire appears to be the result of spontaneous combustion in the yard debris pile. Ironically, the yard waste was being diverted to demonstrate the need for Alternatives to Burning grant funding. There was no property damage or injury. The City of Shelton will be kicking off their new curbside recycling program in late August. Mason County Garbage will also be offering a new curbside program in select areas of the County, which should begin in October.

Business: The free disposal **voucher program** was discussed. Janet felt there were several good charitable organizations that have screening criteria to reduce the likelihood of abuse. Rose also suggested that the enforcement program could offer disposal vouchers, which were funded by violator fees. The idea will be explored further and discussed at a future meeting.

The **Solid Waste Management Plan** was discussed, and the comments from Ecology were considered. The comments fall into two categories: mandates and suggestions. The mandates are legal requirements, and the Plan will address these as required. The suggestions are mostly organizational, word choices and spelling or grammar issues. It will benefit the County to address these items. Staff hopes to have a revised draft by next meeting.

Membership update brought forward the needs of the committee. A News Release has gone out, and several current members have re-applied.

Next agenda: The topics will include the Solid Waste Management Plan, Member update, The Coordinated Prevention Grant and the Alternatives to Burning Grant, and, if there is an update, the free disposal voucher program.

Next meeting will be August 9th at 6:00 PM in the
Public Works Conference Room.