

Present: Mary Jean Hrbacek, Chair, Elrey Simon, Rik Fredrickson, Janet O'Connor, Tracy Farrell, Rose Swier, David Baker

*Motion made, seconded, carried on agenda and previous minutes.*

**Updates/announcements:** Fall clean up in underway at the Belfair drop box and the Transfer Station in Shelton.

The recycling drop off location in Allyn will be moved off the Port property this month. A new site in the north end is being researched. The blueboxes in Taylor Town are also moving out this month, and it is hoped that a nearby location can be utilized.

The Department of Ecology will be training staff on its new Web based Information Clearinghouse. The will be a state coordinated database, with programs, flyers, templates, presentations all in shareable format. It will also provide translations, surplus good and other services.

The Coordinated Prevention Grants (CPG) are being finalized, and both Mason County and the City of Shelton were awarded their full allotment for the two year period.

The Alternatives to Burning grant (fund support for organics diversion programs) was also awarded to Mason County.

The City recycling program has had a setback, in that the truck used to provide collection has failed, and the replacement vehicle is already three months overdue. Further, the local paper printed a letter from a resident which misrepresented the situation.

**Membership Update:** the three members who reapplied to serve on the committee were all reappointed by the Board of County Commissioners on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**The Solid Waste Management Plan** is in its final stages, and adoption and acceptance are only a few steps away. Remaining steps are:

- \*Address all the UTC and DOE comments in the document (nearly complete)
- \*Write a formal letter to DOE acknowledging their comments and identifying where and how they have been addressed, and request Approval
- \*Submit the Plan to the Board of County Commissioners for Adoption
- \*Receive written Approval from Ecology

This process should be completed by late 2007.

**International Recycling:** Tracy presented some information on recycling in France, where her family had recently spent a few weeks. Highlighted were the similarities and differences in how materials were sorted, types of services available, the wide variation from place to place, and the national program to address packaging.

**Domestic Recycling:** David shared images and data from a recent field trip to the SP Recycling facility outside of Puyallup. The Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) is processing recyclables from Thurston County, Pierce County, Kitsap County, several cities, and commercial customers in these same jurisdictions. The facility can produce sorted, marketable materials at the amazing rate of 40 tons per hour.

**Next meeting will be November 8 at 6 PM in the Public Works Building**