

SWAC Summary

June 12, 2008

Present: Mary Jean Hrbacek, Chair, Elrey Simon, Tami Ramsey, Rik Fredrickson, Don Stacy, Janet O'Connor, Wendy Ervin, Chrissy Clark, David Baker

First order of business: Mary Jean Hrbacek will not be seeking reinstatement on the committee; therefore a new chair will need to be elected. The vice chair is also retiring after this meeting. Janet O'Connor will serve as chair pro-tem until a new chair is officially elected.

Vouchers: Free disposal vouchers have been issued to Mason Matters and the Health Department, as recommended by the Committee. Additional potential recipients were discussed. Community clubs, for example, often have garage sales as fund raisers, and end up with disposal costs; obviously counter productive. Likewise thrift stores and other second hand outlets get some materials dumped on them. What criteria, (non profit, community based, etc.) if any, would determine their eligibility? In the absence of consensus, it was agreed that the program would be evaluated in December, based on the results of this years' strategy, with recommendations for future years.

Interlocal Agreement: Signed by the City and the County to develop both a Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) and also a Hazardous Waste Plan (HWP). This document represents the final requirement for the SWMP and the first of the requirements for the HWP.

Hazardous Waste Plan: Tami, from the Department of Ecology, had the original HWP scanned into an editable version for updating. The HWP was discussed and it was determined that the document would be updated by staff, with support from DOE and SWAC.

Field Trip: Several members and staff were able to tour the Tacoma Recycling facility in May. The site gets sorted and mixed recyclables from the greater northwest, and they are separated and baled for export. Glass is not included. It was noted that materials coming into the facility had significant contamination, both intentional and incidental, and that the facility did an excellent job of cleaning the material for market. Other field trip locations were suggested, and will be pursued in the future.

Membership: With two folks leaving the committee, it was recommended that staff pursue the filling of the vacancies. To allow time for new members to be recruited and request appointment, SWAC voted to suspend meeting until September.

Next meeting will be in Building 8, September 11th at 6:00 PM