

Present: Wendy Ervin, Rik Fredrickson, Don Stacy, Vicki Rice, Scott Wilson, John Wyatt, Liz with Habitat for Humanity, Tracy Farrell, David Baker

Minutes and agenda approved

Updates: Wendy has compiled 650 surveys so far, and would like to write up an analysis of the data. She was impressed at the community knowledge on hazardous waste and burn barrels, and surprised by the confusion many folks displayed with some of the other questions. She also did some exploring of the glass issue. She had spoken with Rubino (on Highway 101), and does not feel there is much potential there.

John, recently returned from a trip to Japan, stated that there is a national program there, with separated materials and color coded collection containers.

Scott Wilson, with Wilson Recycling, has recently started up a local recovery operation, and would like to provide a full range of recycling options for the community. At this point, he is accepting a wide range of materials including electronic wastes. He hopes to expand in the future, and would like to join the committee.

Habitat for Humanity/ReStore was also in attendance as an interested party. Liz explained their role and recent developments. She hopes to work with the local recovery network that was discussed previously, and expand their role in the area, especially with the remodeling and construction businesses. In 2008 they collected nearly 50 tons of materials.

City of Shelton: Tracy gave an overview of the changes to the City's collection program. The program now provides citizens with every other week garbage collection, and every other week recycling collection. In addition, yard waste collection is also available. This has caused some confusion in the public, but seems to be going pretty well for the most part. People have expressed great support for the system, once they understand the program shifts and the reasoning.

County Recycling: The bluebox program downsizing is not popular. People who are committed to recycling are being asked to travel farther, and the limited glass recycling opportunities compounds the problem. Staff is exploring ways to shift funding and costs to extend the service.

Curbside Recycling: Rik explained that the rate setting process was underway. There are several steps that precede service, including a rate proposal from the hauler, a rate review by the Utilities and Transportation Commission, equipment purchase and delivery, and then route implementation.

Hazardous Waste Plan was tabled until next meeting.

There was an interest in discussion the Litter Program for Mason County. A report and/or staff will be available in March.

Next Meeting: March 12th, 6 PM Building 1