

## **SWAC Summary**

**March 12, 2009**

Present: Rik Fredrickson, Rose Swier, Tracy Farrell, Wendy Ervin, Janet O'Connor, Vicki Rice, Scott Wilson, Sgt. Bruce Bennet, Gary Isaacson, Tami Ramsey, David Baker

Following the roll call and the approval of the agenda and minutes, there were a few simple program updates. The City recycling and garbage, after the initial transition to every other week, appears to be going well. Environmental Health is moving to Building 8 next week, and should be up and running by the 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> of March.

There was a presentation by Sgt. Bennet and Gary Isaacson about litter. Each County has a responsibility to maintain roadways and right of ways, which includes keeping them clear of debris. In practice, litter pick up is a constant service, taking about six weeks to complete a lap of County roads. Gary takes out 1-5 inmates at a time, typically three days a week. A few of the highlights were included in a handout. The cost per mile for clean up works out to \$1.82, with an average of 23 pounds of trash per mile picked up. Last year, more than 6,000 pounds were recycled.

Janet O'Connor was nominated to serve as chair of the committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Hazardous Waste Plan was discussed. The 1991 document has been pared down substantially, with several chapters relocated to appendices. The inclusion of the State Beyond Waste chapter on hazardous wastes was considered as a possible framework. For example, the state plan prioritizes certain toxic substances. The County Plan could recognize these substances, identify the most common products that contain the toxics, and outline a management strategy for education, collection and handling. To follow the State goals out an additional step, these same toxic substances could be the target of a local, regional, or national stewardship effort, similar to the one recently put in place for electronics.

It was agreed that two work sessions would be held in April; one on the 16<sup>th</sup> with SWAC, one on the 30<sup>th</sup> with SWAC and Ecology. Both meetings will be in the Civic Center in Shelton.

Wendy reported on her findings with the customer surveys. She compiled 850 surveys in addition to the 100+ David had already done. She provided a few handouts with summarized data, and spoke about the trends. The majority of customers are aware that burn barrels are illegal, and the transfer station accepts hazardous wastes. There was a wide range of estimates for costs related to disposal patterns, as well as locations for recycling use.

There were also comments about the Recycling Brigade and their efforts on March 7<sup>th</sup>. The successful collection day will be repeated on March 21<sup>st</sup> in the same locations.

**Next SWAC will be May 14<sup>th</sup> in Building 1**