

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

August 22, 2006 at 6:30 PM
Courthouse Square, Senator Hearing Room
555 Court Street NE, Salem OR 97305

Routine Business: Nora Schliske called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Members Present: Thomas Smith, Michael Clark, David Furr, John Matthews, Judy Skinner, Glenn Zimmerman, Bob Anderson, Nora Schliske, Bonnie Sullivan, Russ Johnston, David Phelps

Members Absent: Mary Kanz, Susie Riches

Public Signed in: Kyle Elwood

Staff Present: Jeff Bickford, Carol Ault, and Commissioner Janet Carlson

<p>MOTION: Thomas Smith moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded.</p> <p>Discussion: Bonnie: Pg. 4, 5th bullet – should say: <i>Bonnie called the burn information which the DEQ regulates, and the information is updated daily.</i> Judy: Pg.4, 6th bullet – should say: <i>regarding <u>differences</u>, not “dividing”</i></p> <p>Abstentions: None</p> <p>Dissensions: None</p> <p>Results: Minutes approved with corrections.</p>

Public Input: Kyle Elwood asked that his application be considered for the vacant Citizen-at-large position and inquired if he needed to submit a new application. Jeff explained that Glenis seeks volunteers and refers them to the Membership Subcommittee. Michael had checked with Jeff to see if Kyle’s application was still in the file and if it would still be under consideration. There was discussion as to whether another interview would be necessary, and Jeff said that Mr. Elwood would have to be re-interviewed for the current Citizen-at-large position.

Ongoing Items List:

- Thomas shared information that Wal-Mart is paying the schools to gather plastic grocery bags. Judy said that it was questionable if Wal-Mart is actually “recycling” the bags or putting them in the trash.
- Glenn asked who was on the Membership Subcommittee. It was confirmed that the subcommittee consists of Thomas Smith, David Phelps, Michael Clark and John Matthews. Nora Schliske and David Furr also volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.
- John Matthews asked if the SWMAC would like a presentation about the recycling programs that are active in the county. Several members were interested in E-Waste. Jeff said that Bailey could do a presentation at the September meeting.

Illegal Burn Subcommittee Update by Bob Anderson

Bob Anderson shared information regarding the ban on backyard burning and why it was banned. He said there are a lot of things that can be done. Some counties and states actually permit backyard burning with the purchase of a permit. With that permit comes educational information in terms of

what can and can't be burned and preparation around the burn barrel so fire won't spread. Bob asked Jeff for his input.

Q. What will work in Marion County?

A. Jeff answered that there are a number of potential options. One is the cessation of backyard burning inside of UGB's. Marion County, in the past, has emulated the City of Salem's rules and ordinances within the UGB. In Salem, any backyard burning is illegal whether it's a burn day or not.

Glenn clarified two issues: UGB backyard burning and illegal burning.

Judy asked if all these areas that are outside the city, but inside the UGB, have yard debris collection service? Jeff said that Silverton, Salem-Keizer, and Woodburn do.

Bob said the issue is *illegal* backyard burning and has nothing to do with burning yard debris in those areas that don't have the service to pick it up. John agreed with Judy that there should be a requirement for an alternative to backyard burning if it's going to be outlawed in the UGB's mentioned. Glenn clarified that Silverton, Salem-Keizer and Woodburn already do.

Nora asked Jeff if Jim Sears had talked to Legal to see if a photograph of the "illegal burn" would be sufficient evidence to report. Jeff will check with Jim on this.

Thomas said that he heard that Keizer allows burning within the city limits.

Q. Can you burn in West Salem?

A. You call the same hot line for Polk County as for Salem and they can tell you the burn days.

Judy shared that if Stayton considers yard debris service, this may result in less backyard burning.

David Furr said that once the Fall Leaf Collection events and the compost site was set up at Brown's Island Demolition Site, that backyard burning lessened. David said if there were more alternatives like these sites that it would help with the backyard-burning problem.

Bob Anderson said that about half the dioxins in our environment are created in burn barrels. Burning about two pounds of household waste produces as much dioxins as 200 tons of garbage burned in a municipal incinerator.

John Matthews asked if the subcommittee or council would research how many cities in the county do outlaw backyard burning; and how many of the UGB areas include yard debris collection.

Membership

MOTION:	David Phelps moved to recommend that the BOC appoint Greg Dart for a vacant Citizen-at-large position on the SWMAC. The motion was seconded.
Discussion:	David Phelps gave a brief summary of the applicant, Greg Dart.
Dissensions:	None
Abstentions:	None
Results:	Motion passes.

Council Input/Announcements/New Business:

- David Furr suggested that the interview subcommittee include Kyle Elwood in the interviews for the vacant Citizen-at-large position.
- Thomas said that there would be an open house for the new coffee shop/store at the Juvenile Department on 3180 Center Street in September 13, from 1-3pm. This will be open to the public.
- Bonnie Sullivan suggested that the council, along with DEQ and the Construction Contractors Board, create a brochure that can be presented when different contractors get a permit to do remodeling or any kind of structure improvement that may contain asbestos. Bob Anderson said that the last building permit he got to remodel included information about asbestos abatement. Glenn asked Bonnie if there is a threshold on remodeling where an asbestos survey has to be conducted. Bonnie said, "Yes. If there's any disclosure that there may be any asbestos, there is supposed to be an inspection." Jeff Bickford said there was an asbestos survey done on the McMahan building that had the fire and their asbestos abatement committee contacted Environmental Services regarding the disposal. It ended up that the material was routed to Coffin Butte Landfill, since they would have approximately 60 dumpsters of it.

STAFF UPDATES: Jeff Bickford

- The State Fair starts this week. The county will have displays on waste reduction & recycling opportunities.
- Update on Ash Leachate situation at NMCDF: Not having leachate hauled by Georgia Pacific at this time because they are renewing their solid waste and waste water permits with DEQ and aren't taking any other material during this process. An RFP was sent out and we are currently working with Wasco and Finley Butte Landfill. They use the leachate for dust abatement. Additionally, an RFP was sent out for contractors to renovate the leachate treatment facility at NMCDF. There were four proposals received that are being evaluated at this time.
- Jeff shared an article stating how the City of Milwaukie's garbage rates are going up. For comparison, they actually pay \$3.00 more per month than Marion County urban customers.
- Collection Events: HHW Event – September 30 at Woodburn Wal-Mart.

Q. Bob Anderson asked if there has been an environmental impact study done for using leachate on roads for dust abatement.

A. Jeff explained that the roads being sprayed would be within the landfill boundaries.

Q. Are there any Styrofoam collection events scheduled?

A. Not at this time. PC Plastics in Portland accepts the Styrofoam.

- John Matthews suggested spending money on an educational campaign stating that taking Styrofoam to the WTE generates electricity, rather than paying someone to transport it.
- David asked Jeff about the Grant Program and how it's operating. Jeff explained that it only happens once a year and offered to bring the information to the next meeting.

Agenda for next meeting:

- * Report on E-waste & recycling in the county by Bailey Payne 30 min.
- * Grant information by Jeff 15 min.
- * Membership subcommittee report 15 min.
- * Illegal burning/UGB Backyard Burning (Q & A) 30 min.
Discussion/recommendation/possible vote

David Phelps asked the names of the old landfills around Marion County. They are Brown's Island Landfill, North Marion – SW side of Senecal Creek, and McCoy Creek Landfill near Idhana.

Meeting review:

- Thanks to Nora, Chair, for a good meeting
- No side talk, good meeting
- Glenn asked Bonnie to pass the cookies!

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Thomas Smith moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded.

RESULTS: Motion passes. Meeting adjourned.