

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

November 28, 2006 at 6:30 PM
Senator Hearing Room
555 Court Street NE, Salem OR 97305

Routine Business: David Furr, Vice Chair, 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, Bonnie Sullivan, Russ Johnston, Susie Riches, David Phelps, Fred Stearns, Gregg Dart

Members Absent: Mary Kanz, Nora Schliske

Public Signed in: None

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

<p>MOTION: Thomas Smith moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded. Discussion: David Phelps was present at the October SWMAC meeting, although the October minutes do not list him as attending. Abstentions: None Dissensions: None Results: Minutes approved with correction.</p>
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Public Input: None

Comment: Fred Stearns read an article regarding changing the number of elected officials and their terms and wanted to know if anyone knew anything about it. Jeff suggested talking to one of the Commissioners.

Jeff reminded the Council that the Advisory Board Training will be December 1, 2006 in the Senator Hearing Room at 555 Court St NE, from 8:30-Noon. He encouraged as many as possible from the council to attend.

Ongoing Items List:

The council members explained the Ongoing Items List to the new members and said that if they would be interested in helping on any of the topics, their names could be added. Thomas explained that these topics aren't really subcommittees, but ongoing items that members can bring information to share at the SWMAC meetings when they discover something. At that time, subcommittees may be formed.

Gregg Dart said he would be interested in working with Recycling and Technology.

Backyard Burning Subcommittee Update: Bob Anderson reporting.

The Backyard Burning Subcommittee met November 22, 2006. Bob circulated the minutes from that meeting and explained what the subcommittee discussed at the meeting.

Bob said that Dan Fox, of DEQ, also attended the Backyard Burning Subcommittee meeting. Mr. Fox is responsible for enforcing backyard-burning restrictions in Marion County, as well as five other counties, including Lincoln County.

Also discussed at the subcommittee meeting was the necessity of an educational program if a backyard-burning ban were put in place. The program would need to precede any burning ban so that people that were affected in that area would have a better understanding of why it was necessary.

Dan Fox talked to the subcommittee about the possibility of the local DEQ and himself being able to write citations for backyard burning.

Q. What are the options to deal with backyard waste?

A. Commingling of recyclables and yard debris service, Recycle & Transfer Stations, Fall Leaf Haul, and Composting are some of the options.

Q. How would this affect West Salem?

A. This would only apply to Marion County because this is the only jurisdiction they have.

Bob Anderson shared a map of the Salem/Keizer UGB areas that would be affected. A copy of the map will be included with the minutes as Attachment #1.

Q. Why wait for the January SWMAC meeting to make a recommendation?

A. To give the public an opportunity to attend.

Q. Does the City of Salem have any citing capabilities for violators within the city?

A. Yes. City of Salem Community Enforcement Officers can write citations. Marion County Code Enforcement Officers also have the citing capabilities if they witness the illegal burning.

Bob Anderson read a list of items that DEQ already prohibits from open burning. They are: rubber products, tires, asbestos products, plastic, wood, garbage, petroleum products, treated debris, asphalt industrial waste, insulation and any material that creates dense smoke.

Q. If there are legitimate health concerns to say that banning should take place, and if some of the other cities in the county have elected not to have illegal burning within their city limits, would it not be an educational function to enact this ban within the UGB's of Silverton and other communities that don't outlaw it within their city limits as part of the educational tool?

A. What we are looking at with this proposed ban is to set a precedent that we can use at a later date to include as many other areas as were applicable.

Q. What could the SWMAC do to support the DEQ in its request to have the citation writing? What sort of actions could we take?

A. More input will be needed from Dan Fox with DEQ as to what support he needs so the SWMAC can determine how they can help him.

Bonnie Sullivan said the DEQ has a hotline they monitor on a daily basis. She added the necessary education is available for the news media to report to make certain that people call and see if it is truly a burn day.

Q. Is there going to be a recommendation as to the fiscal impact or any techniques that the SWMAC wants to recommend to help get the education out there to be effective?

A. As far as the fiscal impact in regards to the education, a lot of the printed information is available through the DEQ. It would be a matter of working with the county to determine

how we would process it to get it out to the public. On the surface, it doesn't look like a huge expense.

Jeff suggested putting an educational piece in the Waste Matters Newsletter, which comes out twice a year.

Q. Do we have an idea as to when this enforcement action might take place?

A. Even though there are people whose position is to enforce backyard burning, there's no funding for that at this time.

Comment: If the Commissioners adopt our recommendation, it would be up to them to decide which agency would be the lead agency on this. The SWMAC's job is to make a recommendation to the BOC and then it's up to the BOC to decide what they want to do.

Suggestion: Charge an extra 25 cents when dumping at the Transfer Station, and put that in a fund to help with the education portion of the backyard-burning ban.

Suggestion: Educational flyers on the windshields regarding this issue.

Q. On the citations that Dan Fox, DEQ, issues, is that just on violations he sees?

A. Since he doesn't have that power yet, there are options that allow him to write suggestions, but not citations, yet. At this point, it's currently up to a review board as to whether they move forward on his suggestions.

Commissioner Carlson suggested the SWMAC make a motion to accept the report and then at the January meeting, make a recommendation to the BOC.

MOTION:	John Matthews moved that the SWMAC accept the report on the Backyard Burning ban. The motion was seconded.
Abstentions:	None
Dissensions:	None
Results:	Motion passes unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP: Jeff Bickford

- There is one vacation position on the SWMAC, which is the Community Organization position. At this time, there are no applicants. Glenis Chapin, Volunteer Coordinator, is working on recruiting. Currently, the SWMAC has 15 members.

Council Input/Announcements/New Business:

- Bob Anderson will report on the coal burning issue at a later date.
- Susie Riches distributed copies of the Loren's Sanitation Garbage Gazette.
- Russ Johnston said the Title V permit is out for public comment through the DEQ. If you are interested, talk to the DEQ for the items that will be changed in the permit.
- Russ Johnston said the Storm Water Permit is up for application, which has to be in by the end of December.
- Bonnie Sullivan thanked John Matthews for the tour of Brown's Island, Compost Oregon, and the Transfer Station. More tours are scheduled for Marion Recycling and the North Marion Transfer Station.

- The tour of Agri Plas is scheduled for January 13, 2007, at 10:00 am. All SWMAC members are invited.
- There will also be tours scheduled as part of the Master Recycler class beginning in January.
- Glenn encouraged the SWMAC members who haven't yet, to take the Master Recycler Class.
- Gregg thanked Carol for setting up an extra table for information he brings. Jeff suggested Carol set up a file in the Environmental Services Library to keep this information available to those interested.
- Carol reminded the council of the SWMAC Holiday Dinner, which will be December 12, 2006. Time: 5:30-6:30pm Social hour; 6:30pm: Dinner. Public Works Campus on Silverton Road – Willamette Conference Room.

STAFF UPDATES: Jeff Bickford

- The Master Recycler Class will start January 18, 2007. Classes will be the third Thursday of each month. Master Recycler Applications may be acquired by calling the Environmental Services office at 503-588-5169, ext 5991.
- Interviews for the Waste Reduction Coordinator were held last week and an applicant has been chosen. Kim Dinan will start on January 2, 2007.
- The Advisory Board Training will be December 1, 2006 from 8:30-noon in the Senator Hearing Room at 555 Court St.
- The Fall Leaf Hall will be December 2, 2006. Drop off sites will be Keizer Little League field, Sprague High School and State Fairgrounds. The leaves will be hauled to Brown's Island compost site.
- DEQ's 2005 recovery rates are done. Rates were up from 53.8 in 2004, to 56.2 in 2005. Marion County was second in the state.
- The garbage rate increase was approved by the BOC. 1.5% increase inside the UGB and 10.5% increase outside the UGB. The effective date for the increase is 12/1/2006.
- North Marion Transfer Station is expanding. It is currently in the process of design and next summer will open for bids and construction. Bids will be sought in March of 2007.
- Article from Fred Stearns: Commissioner Carlson explained that it was a petition of some sort and will do some research to find out who filed the petition.

Meeting review:

- David thanked the council for coaching him as he chaired the meeting.
- Thank you to Commissioner Carlson for her input.

Agenda for next meeting: Tuesday, January 23, 2007

- Backyard Burning Ban in Salem/Keizer UGB 60 min.
Action: Recommendation/Vote
Public Input

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Susie moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded.

RESULTS: Motion passes.