Spokane County
Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Minutes
July 21, 2021

Members Present
Suzanne Tresko, CAL #3
Matthew Pederson, Waste Industry
Tonilee Hanson, Public Interest
Andy Hoye, CAL District #2
Karen Stratton, City of Spokane
Bruce Williams, Health District
Isaiah Paine, Citizen-at-Large, District #1
Shaun Culler, City of Millwood
Philip Small, AG Interest
Brian Burrow, Business

Members Absent
Kevin Anderson, City of Airway Hts
Rebecca Johnson, City of Spangle
Josh Kerns, Spokane County
Vacant Position
Recycling Industry

Approval of Minutes – March 17, 2021 - Chair Suzanne Tresko
All members moved to approve minutes from the March meeting.

Recycling Task Force Activity – Tonilee Hanson
Tonilee presented the Recycling Task Force was created to harmonize “recycle right” and other messaging, as well as creating new recycling content between various agencies. The group meets every 1 to 3 months depending on the need. Meeting topics vary in focus and include: education and outreach, events, media campaigns, and commercial ideas from Waste Management and the City of Spokane. Future goals for the task force involve expanding the group in efforts to streamline coordination efforts. This would increase the opportunity to develop projects to include all waste reduction avenues.

Solid Waste Comp Plan Review and Recommendation of Submission to Department of Ecology – Lindsay Chapman
Lindsay shared pending no major feedback, she would like to submit the Comp Plan as a draft to Department of Ecology for review. Suzanne noted she likes the language under Item 7 that includes equity in all aspects before taking action. Brian inquired how long comments are accepted. Lindsay answered once it is submitted there is 120 days to make changes before the final draft is submitted. Changes will be noted and sent to Department of Ecology. SWAC wants to be sure to get the message out to the public so they have a chance to adequately review and make comments before the final draft is submitted.

Overview of Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance Grant – Deb Geiger
Deb gave an update that the County will be receiving a 60% increase which is almost back to historical funding which will allow for expanded household hazardous waste services and more help for local member jurisdiction events and services.
With no further business, meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.