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Land of Cheese, Trees and Ocean Breeze

Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: February 9, 2021

PLACE: Virtual meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Larmouth, David Helmricks, Justin Kanoff, Robert Poppe, Julian Macassey, Tom Jayred

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ken Henson, John Longfellow

STAFF PRESENT: David McCall, SW Program Manager; Chris Laity, PW Director

GUESTS PRESENT: Nan Devlin, Sarah Absher

AGENDA ITEM 1 - CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Vice-Chairperson Larmouth called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm with a quorum present.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of January 12, 2021 were not available. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – 6-MONTH BUDGET REVIEW:

Mr. McCall presented the budget vs actual data from the first six months of fiscal year 2020-2021. Questions and answers were accompanied by discussion.

Mr. McCall expressed his concerns with putting together a budget for next fiscal year, given the difficulty anticipating whether the significant increases in materials collected in 2020 will continue, decrease, or increase further. Ms. Absher shared that since 2017 each year has seen a 20% increase in building permits, and that trend is expected to continue. Based on the recovering economy, low anticipated CPI adjustment, and generally strong financial state of our budget, Mr. McCall recommends that we do not implement rate changes this year, but keep our current rates for an additional year. Recommendations were made to use quantities from the past year, rather than anticipating any decrease in volumes.

Discussion was held on expectation of sustained volumes, workloads, and the necessity of filling budgeted positions. General consensus to model the budget in this way.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – REQUEST TO ADD ADDITIONAL SWAC MEMBERS:

In recognition of the increased role tourism plays in our community, there is a request to modify Ordinance #4 to include representation from the short-term rental (STR) and tourism sectors. Discussion was held on the importance of cooperating and coordinating between the sectors, as well as the advantages and disadvantages of amending ordinances and increasing the sizes of boards. Direction was given to Mr. McCall

to have a conversation with the commissioners and express our desire to include tourism and STR representation on SWAC, and inquire as to their guidance in how they would like to proceed with this.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – VARIOUS SOLID WASTE-RELATED LEGISLATIVE BILLS:

A brief introduction and discussion was held around several bills related to solid waste. HB2065 will be moved to replace SB582.

AGENDA ITEM 6 – TRANSFER STATION REPORTS:

All three transfer stations have been experiencing business as usual, with the higher volumes somewhat coming back to more normal levels with the advent of more rainy weather.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – FRANCHISED HAULER UPDATES:

City Sanitary Service: No update since last month. Business as usual.

Recology Western Oregon: Haven't heard anything from the other haulers, and we're working as before, with many of us working from home until July.

AGENDA ITEM 8 – STAFF REPORT:

The staff report was included in the packet. Mr. McCall emphasized the difficulties in effectively reaching members of the public.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kanoff commented on how far we've come in increasing the work involved in increasing the financial stability of the Solid Waste Department.

AGENDA ITEM 10 - ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 4:57 pm.

Minutes submitted by David McCall