

Pierce County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

Summary of Meeting

May 10, 2023, 5:30pm – 7:00 pm
Tacoma Mall Plaza and Zoom
2702 S 42nd St, Tacoma, WA 98409

*Meeting was not recorded

CALL TO ORDER

Louis Griffith called the May 10th, 2023 SWAC convening to order at 5:35 p.m.

Committee members present: Alex Kenesson, Aminah Othman, David Artis, Josh Metcalf, Josh Christy, Lewis Griffith

Excused: Dave Powers, Dave Stookey, El Rose, Ellen Knowlen, Ron Backman

Unexcused: Annaliese Feld, Jessica James

There was no quorum.

Non-voting members present: Keith Johnson, Kevin Green

Non-voting members absent: Tom Swanson, Ryan Dicks

Staff present: Chris Brown and Kari Ann Elling for Pierce County PPW

There was no quorum. This is not an official meeting, but instead a convening of members. No official business will be conducted. Notes will still be taken, but will not be “official”.

The SWAC could not approve the February 8, 2023 meeting summary, due to no quorum.

FIRST ITEM ON AGENDA

SHWMP Actions Update: SWAC applies to Chapter 1: Administration 1.2.6

_____ made comments/asked questions

SECOND ITEM ON AGENDA

Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) Training

Attendees participated in OPMA training facilitated by Kari Ann Elling. Training was done hybrid simultaneously with participants in-person and online in a Zoom webinar.

Alex Kenesson made comments/asked questions: “Will the personal notes I take during a meeting be considered public record?” Response from Chris Brown: “No, they are not part of the official minutes taken by Chris and Kari Ann which are later approved by the SWAC.”

_____ made comments/asked questions

THIRD ITEM ON AGENDA

N/A

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FOURTH ITEM ON AGENDA

N/A

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ROUND TABLE

Alex Kenesson requested future meetings to go over upcoming legislation and commercial recycling.

David Ardis shared that he is 4 years into having had his solar panels installed and this was the first time he did not have to pay a utility bill! The panels are producing enough electricity and giving back to the grid to cover his current utility bill. There are still rebates available for having solar panels installed.

Lewis Griffith requested that for future meeting agendas we should look for opportunities of actions that the SWAC can advise.

Chris Brown responded that we are hoping that we set these meetings up in such a way that they drive conversation vs lecture.

Alex Kenesson also advocated for meeting more often.

Lewis Griffith responded that this could be a possible discussion point in the future.

David Ardis recommended public community locations, such as fire stations.

Chris Brown responded that we have county wide locations we could use.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No members of the public were present.

_____ addressed the SWAC/provided public comment.

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CLOSE MEETING

The convening adjourned at 6:35 p.m.