

City of Florence
Environmental Management Advisory Committee
May 22, 2014 ~ Regular Session 2:00 pm

The proceedings of the City of Florence Environmental Management Advisory Committee were recorded on tape and on file at Florence City Hall.

- **Call to Order and Approval of the Agenda**

Chairperson (CP) Robert Forsythe called the meeting of the Environmental Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) to order at 2:05 pm. Others present included: Vice Chair Sharon McLeod, Committee Members (CM) Robin Sullivan, Bonnie MacDuffee, Erika Bessey, Sandra Davidson, Josh Haring, David Twombly (Central Coast Disposal), and Dan Webb (County Transfer & Recycling). Also present were: Roy Weedman (Oregon Program Manager, PaintCare), Jack Armer (Manager, Habitat for Humanity ReStore), and Jenna Bartlett (General Manager, Siuslaw News)

CP Forsythe asked the committee if they proposed any changes to the agenda, the committee had no changes to propose. VC McLeod motioned to accept the agenda, CM Davidson seconded.

- **Public Comments**

There were no members of the public present.

- **Oregon PaintCare Program Presentation**

- Roy Weedman introduced himself as the Oregon Program Manager of PaintCare. He stated that he would be training Habitat for Humanity ReStore employees later that day to be the first PaintCare drop-off facility.
- Weedman familiarized the Committee with the Paint Stewardship Law, which requires paint manufacturers that sell paint in Oregon to have a system in place to reduce the generation of post-consumer paint through “buy right” indication, promote using up or donating remaining paint, provide a system for collection and recycling, provide convenient drop-off standards, and have environmentally responsible paint management.
- Weedman indicated that historically, 50% of the materials received during hazardous waste events are paint and 10% of what is purchased is not used.
- Weedman stated that he manages the PaintCare program in Oregon, but represents a paint manufacturer’s organization and that Oregon DEQ provides oversight for his organization.
- Weedman said that eight states now have paint stewardship laws, and four states have operational PaintCare programs.
- Weedman stated that the PaintCare program is funded by Recovery Fees added to the price of each container of paint.
- Weedman listed what is done with latex paint after collection including recycling, remanufacturing into other products, energy recovery, or biodegradation. VC McLeod asked what biodegradation was. Weedman described biodegradation as a process where latex paint is put into a special landfill with water pumped through it to encourage enzymatic degradation of the paint.

- Weedman stated that 90% of Oregon residents are within 15 miles of a collection point. He said that over 2,000,000 gallons of paint have been processed since the program began, and over 1,000,000 gallons have been recycled and turned back into recycled content paint (~66%), 26% went to biodegradation, and 4% was re-used.
- Weedman said 3% of oil-based paint goes to ReStore and 97% goes to energy recovery.
- Weedman stated that the 6-month cost per resident was \$.53, the per gallon cost was \$6.56. He said that the cost was going up because of the increased number of collection sites. He said that increasing the number of ReStore sites reduces costs by increasing the amount of re-sold paint.
- Weedman stated that paint retailers are required to provide brochures, but these brochures are not required at resellers like ReStore.
- VC McLeod asked what the collection receptacle looks like. Weedman stated that in Oregon it is about a 1 cubic-yard hard plastic container with a lid. He said that it has to be inside or inside a secured area in order to prevent liability issues and they would determine the best location at the Florence ReStore. Weedman stated that PaintCare would pay for the enclosure, but someone would need to install it. Weedman stated that the collection containers hold anywhere from 120-150 containers of paint depending on the size. Weedman presented a picture of the collection container.
- CM Sullivan asked how frequently the collection containers are picked up. Weedman stated that the pick-ups are scheduled at least every 2 weeks, but it may be possible that as necessary, more pickups can be made or more collections bins be issued to ReStore.
- VC McLeod asked if there was a count of paint received from this area monthly or quarterly. Weedman stated that he was not sure, but he did not think the Transfer Site produced more than 10 or 15 times a year.
- Weedman stated that retail stores are not allowed to open cans, but ReStore facilities can open paint cans in order to determine if those paint cans can be resold.
- VC McLeod asked if PaintCare donates any usable paint to non-profits. Weedman stated that they try to partner with non-profits as much as possible, but have not because of liability issues. He said that the ReStore has a waiver form that absolves them of liability with any resold paint.
- CM Sullivan asked when the program would be ready at the Florence ReStore. Jack Armer, Florence ReStore Manager, from ReStore stated that the program would be starting next week after the training was complete.
- VC McLeod asked if the ReStore would be able to sort through paint at the HHW event. Weedman stated that currently, they could not, but he was working with transfer sites to get that to happen.
- Webb stated that he thought paint collection at the HHW event would begin to drop. Weedman said that the trend at hazardous waste events was that paint collection dropped.
- VC McLeod asked if the ReStore could have a person at an HHW event to divert paint from collection to the Habitat store. Weedman stated that PaintCare thought about that, but it would currently open them up to liability. He said that he discussed it with his CEO and Executive Director and are looking for a way to get that to happen. VC McLeod asked if people can be told at the event that good paint could be donated at the ReStore location. Weedman said that that would be

a good alternative.

- Weedman informed EMAC that if they had any questions, to feel free to give him a call or email him. EMAC thanked Weedman for coming to give his presentation.

- **Green Fair Results**

- Jenna Bartlett from the Siuslaw News discussed the results of the Green Fair. She stated that there was less booth participation and attendance was down from previous years, but participants seemed happy because they were able to talk more with attendees. Webb asked if she thought the weather had something to do with the number of attendees and participants this year. Bartlett stated that she did not know, but there were some activities like seminars that used to be featured as well as previous participants that were not able to come. Bartlett stated that they need new participants and more excitement in order to keep the event going.
- Bartlett stated that Laura Smith's booth was very busy because she had activities for kids, but there were not many children at the Green Fair. She said that it would be worth looking at whether or not they could feature more kid's activities or perhaps a children's area. She said that one idea would be to have another tent with activities and plants to interest kids.
- Bartlett asked for advice and participation on a separate committee to help plan the next Green Fair.
- Bartlett stated that next year the Green Fair would be held the 1st weekend of May rather than the last weekend of April in order to create some distance between the Home Show and eliminate competition between the Florence Green Fair and Earth Day activities in Eugene. Bartlett mentioned that there were many vendors who could not come for a Saturday event, but may be able to attend a two-day event. She said that it would perhaps be a 2-day event in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce or local volunteers who could man the vendor booths so that there could be greater participation. CP Forsythe stated that it would be good to get volunteers from Master Recyclers, EMAC, and possibly Habitat for Humanity because three people have a tough time organizing this event.
- CM Davidson suggested that the Garden Club might be interested in participating. Bartlett stated that had come up, but were not able to participate because of dirt in the FEC building.
- CM MacDuffee stated that an organization from Bandon would like to participate in the Green Fair next year and could possibly bring activities for children.
- Bartlett suggested that possibly the theater could be rented out on that Friday, and a movie could be shown with someone available to answer questions.
- VC McLeod suggested trying to involve the artist association.
- CP Forsythe suggested forming a subcommittee and asked who they should speak to. Bartlett and the Committee suggested a number of groups which could be asked to participate.
- Bartlett thanked the Committee for their help.

- **Lane County Wasteshed Stakeholders Update**

- Twombly stated that there were a lot of ideas brought up that Lane County wanted to present to EMAC. He said that they are re-evaluating their plans for the rate increase, that some sort of rate increase would happen, but that Lane County was looking for some way to diminish their costs.
- Twombly stated that Lane County was considering closing their smaller transfer

sites. Webb explained some of the per ton costs of running each of these transfer sites. Twombly stated that one of the more popular ideas at the stakeholders meeting was closing the smaller transfer sites. He said that he was in favor of privatizing some of Lane County's functions.

- Twombly stated that he believed there would still be a \$10/ton increase coming in possibly January. He stated that he thought there would be a \$10 increase this year and a \$5 increase next year, but that we may not see the \$5 increase.
- VC McLeod asked which item got the most votes at the meeting. Twombly and Webb stated that they believed the top three were: privatizing, closing smaller transfer sites, and increasing self-haul.
- CP Forsythe stated that he had sent a message to Jay Bozevich asking whether he had seen the letter that was sent by EMAC. He said that Bozevich took the letter to the other County Commissioners. He said that Bozevich stated that the Commissioners were disappointed in Lane County Waste Management and if the rate increase did happen, it would be staggered. Twombly stated that Dan Hurley said that the Lane County Commissioners directed him to re-evaluate the rate increase.
- Twombly stated that Springfield and Eugene wanted a tiered structure so that they would only be paying for the cost of operations for their area.
- VC McLeod asked if there were more stakeholders' meetings planned. Twombly stated that there will be two more stakeholders meetings.

- **Committee Discussion/Report Items**

- City Hall Kiosk
 - i. CM Davidson stated that there was nothing to report.
- Black & White Event Preparation
 - i. CM MacDuffee stated that she was starting to look through materials from last year's Black and White event. CP Forsythe asked if the event would still be held in the Siuslaw High School parking lot. CM MacDuffee stated that it would be held there. She said that the County would like them to enter a request by the 1st of June.
 - ii. VC McLeod asked what the date of the event was. CM MacDuffee said that the Black & White Event will be held on August 16th.
- Solid Waste Rate Increase
 - i. Twombly asked if the Committee had received numbers related to the rate increase. Webb stated that SP FarleyCampbell had said that she would have them by next week. Twombly stated that he needed the new figures by the 26th. Webb said he had Joe put a package together, but that SP FarleyCampbell wanted to put the package together herself. Twombly stated that Joe had made some mistakes in the last package, so SP FarleyCampbell had to correct them.
 - ii. Twombly stated that when Chris Bell had created the report, he said that they were going to calculate the actual cost for households and implement a curved increase. He stated that Joe had made a flat increase of 5.9% instead of using the curved increase, resulting in larger adjustments that needed to be made this year. Twombly stated that SP FarleyCampbell had to implement the changes that were approved by City Council, so had to make corrections.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 19, 2014 2:00PM

Adjourn

CP Forsythe motioned to adjourn. VC McLeod seconded the motion. CP Forsythe adjourned the meeting at 3:18.

APPROVED BY THE EMAC ON THE 19TH DAY OF JUNE, 2014.


Chairperson, Robert Forsythe

6/19/14
Date