

MARION COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SWMAC MEETING

August 28, 2018
5:30 PM

Garten Services
3334 Industrial Way NE
Salem, OR 97303

PRESENT: **Members:** Judy Skinner, Bonnie Sullivan, Chris Ream, Keith Bondaug-Winn, Brian Sund, Tim Rice, Matt Marler, Kevin Hines, April Murazzo
 Staff: Brian May, Stephanie Pulvers
 Public: Matt Marler, Pete Grell, Gaelen McAllister, Clay Warner, unknown member of the public

ABSENT: Bob Anderson, Joe Fowler, Julie Jackson, Will Posegate

CONSENT

MOTION: Bonnie moved to approve the June 2018 minutes.

DISCUSSION: None.

RESULTS: Kevin seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous. Minutes approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE (Information/Action):

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

AGENDA REVIEW: None.

Garten Presentation

Clay gave a short presentation on the changes they've seen since implementing the new recycling guidelines. He reported that the recycling seems cleaner, although the volume has decreased and the amount of glass in the recycling has increased. Garten has been able to sell most of its mixed paper to NorPac, which has been a relief as they are unable to sell anything at all to buyers in China, Vietnam, or Indonesia. Clay reported that their concurrence does not include #3-#7 plastics as they have been removed from the recycling program in Marion County. Though they are able to dispose of these as garbage, they have been saving them and searching for an outlet. Gaelen presented a brief history of Garten to the group and showed a video about their sorting process.

Garten Tour

The group was led on a tour of the facility by Clay Warner and Pete Grell. Time was allotted for questions and answers.

FUTURE TOPICS/EMERGING ISSUES/OTHER BUSINESS (Information/Discussion):

Announcements and Upcoming Events:

Judy shared that Sparrow Furniture, which employs refugees to reupholster and refurbish old furniture, is now open for business.

Other Business:

None

Staff Updates:

Brian announced that the Master Recycler class that begins on October 4 is full, but that another class will be offered in January.

The Bylaws-Handbook Subcommittee will be meeting to review the bylaws once more on September 5th.

Future Agenda Topics:

A potential topic for next month's meeting is an update on the outreach efforts being done by the various agencies.

A potential topic for October's meeting is an update on SB263 and what Salem, Keizer, Woodburn, Silverton, and Stayton are doing to comply.

Membership/Attendance:

All absences were excused. Keith reminded the Council that there are still 3 vacancies and to reach out to friends and colleagues that are good potential candidates. April expressed her interest in the Education Subcommittee, which is not currently scheduled to meet anytime soon.

Meeting Review:

Council agreed that the tour was very informative and thanked the Garten staff for agreeing to give a tour and host the August meeting.

Motion to close the meeting: Judy motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bonnie seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:11 pm