

**City of Wyoming
Environmental Stewardship Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2023**

Attendance

Members Present: Chris Babb (chair), Chris Pagan, Lauren Albarella, Dennis Healy, Katie Lawrence, Patrick Walker

City Council Representative: Sarah Stankorb Taylor

City Representative: Rob Nicholls

Approval of February 8, 2023 meeting minutes

The February 8, 2023 meeting minutes were approved with no changes.

Solid Waste/ Recycling Update

ESC reviewed the recycling and waste management report prepared by the Public Works Department.

Waste Reduction Grant Application

Lauren Albarella announced that the funds have been released on our grant to provide composting to the residents of Wyoming. Lauren has been working with Wyoming's Communications and Events Coordinator Emily Dengler to develop a plan to educate residents about the new program. Social media promotions will start rolling out this week. Chris Pagan is working on a video promotion for the composting program. Current physical launch goal will be alongside Upcycle Day, April 21. Meaning, we hope to have service established with GoZero, containers for drop off available and a structure to contain the collection carts. Lauren is working on signage for finished space. Patrick Walker and Rob Nicholls are coordinating material acquisition and plan for container drop-off area, to be located at Oak Park.

Green Your School Program

The Environmental Stewardship Commission received 5 grant applications for the Green Your School Program. After review and debate the first application approved was for a vegetable garden at Elm School. Two other grants will be awarded if the applicants can receive school superintendent approval. The two contingent applications are the Middle School Rain Garden and the High School Club Hope outdoor classroom space.

Upcycle Day, April 21, 2023

All participating Upcycle Day partners are committed and posters are printed. Patrick Walker will work on distributing promotional posters to Wyoming businesses. Upcycle Day electronic flyers will be put out in e-blasts in April. Upcycle Day yard signs have been made and Chris Pagan will be partnering with Patrick Walker to get signs distributed across the city. Katie Lawrence and Dennis Healy to write Upcycle Day and educational plan promotional article for What's Up Wyoming.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Walker