

**MINUTES**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION MEETING**  
**September 13, 2023**

**Attendance**

Members Present: Lauren Albarella, Dennis Healy, Patrick Walker, Christopher Pagan, Rob Shimp, Sarah Flem  
City Council Representative: Sarah Stankorb Taylor  
City Representative: Rob Nicolls

**Approval of August 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

The August 9, 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 Director. ESC also reviewed the performance of the Residential Food Waste Collection program, which is on-track to meeting annual goals. This included a review of the weekly report prepared by GoZero summarizing the amount of food waste collected as well as the contamination status of the bins. It was noted that GoZero reports that the bins are relatively clean and need minimal processing to remove non-food waste.

**Green Business Awards**

In this meeting, we reviewed the applications from community businesses applying for the Green Business Award. Following the review of the applications, ESC voted to award two local businesses with Green Business Awards based on their commitment to sustainability. These awards will be presented later and publicized to the community.

**Fall Festival**

ESC will have a booth at this year's Fall Festival on October 7, 2023. The focus of our booth will be on promoting participation in the Residential Food Waste Collection program. The Public Works Department will move one of the compost bins to our booth, and we will place signage on the rubbish bins at the Festival directing people to our booth if they want to compost any food items. We will also distribute our remaining compost buckets and the event, and we will share our promotion video. A SignUp Genius has been set up for volunteers to work at the booth.

**Committee of the Whole Meeting**

ESC will be represented at the Committee of the Whole meeting on September 26, 2023 to present our recommendations to City Council regarding Junk Day and our efforts to implement the Ecological Stewardship and Sustainability section of the City's Master Plan, as outlined in the letter that we sent to the City Manager on August 13, 2023.

**Upcycle Day Planning**

ESC will plan to dedicate most of the agenda of its meeting on November 8, 2023 to plan the 2024 Upcycle Day.

**Miscellaneous**

ESC had a discussion regarding ongoing efforts to encourage food waste collection programs at Wyoming City Schools.

**Next Meeting**

The next ESC meeting will be on October 11, 2023.