

**Minutes**  
**Environmental Stewardship Commission**  
**August 11, 2021**

**Members Present:** Lauren Albarella, Chris Babb, Sarah Flem, Dennis Healy, Christopher Pagan, Katie Stock, Patrick Walker

**City Council Representative:** Sarah Stankorb Taylor

**City Staff:** Rob Nicolls

**Guests:** None

**Meeting Minutes Approval**

Approval of July 14, 2021 meeting minutes with no changes - approved by members

**Solid Waste/Recycling Rate Update**

- Rob presented spreadsheet of the City's waste and recycling numbers from Rumpke
- Rob confirming if junk day 74.14 is already included in the recycle total numbers listed

**Educational Plan**

**Fall Festival**

- Confirmed ESC will participate in 2021
- Lauren agreed to set up volunteer sign up with 2-hour shifts
- Requesting ESC booth be located by school's Green Team booth, so they could have recycling game
- ESC booth will feature/highlight the following:
  - ESC poster – Chris B. drafting
  - Signup sheet/iPad for newsletter
  - Promotion of UpCycle Day
  - Green Business Awards – highlighting past winners and 2021 opportunity
  - Stormwater Study – promote taking survey and Sarah S. checking to see if we can display flooding maps
  - What to recycle? Ask ESC? Share City webpage as resource
  - Reusable straw giveaway

**Ask ESC**

- Considering setting up an email for ESC to answer recycling questions
- Sarah S. checking if we can have city email for ESC, monitored by Commission members, confirming City's policy and if we need to include a disclaimer in replies
- Could have an autoreply message that directs people to info on Wyoming webpage

**Green Business Awards**

- Will use same criteria as 2020

- Google form to collect submissions
- 2021 timeline – Sarah F. sending email to start collect submissions week of 8/16/21, promote at Fall Festival, close submissions 10/11/21, vote on winners October ESC meeting, present winners to City Council Nov./Dec.

### **Green Your School Contest**

- Planning for 2022
- Will begin to advertise Nov. 2021 for Feb.-April 2022 timeline
- Rob confirming \$1,500 still available for 3 awards of \$500 each

### **Recycling Audits**

- Audits to start back up – Katie L. ready, have a second ESC member join her on audits

### **Magnet**

- Still on hold, considering ESC budget

### **Joint Ventures with Urban Forestry**

#### **Stormwater Study Update**

- Discussed our messaging around education, knowing scale of issues, developing a follow up plan and possibility of ESC coordinating info sessions

#### **Community Gardens Clean Up**

- Plan to just clean compost bins, waiting to confirm details

#### **Eco Styrofoam Event**

- Patrick working to confirm date in Jan. 2022

### **Next Meeting**

- Bring any proposed updates to webpage for review <https://wyomingohio.gov/garbage-recycling-yard-waste/>
- The next ESC meeting will be on September 8, 2021