

**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION MEETING**  
**City Building Conference Room**  
**June 9, 2021**

**Attendance**

Members Present: Sarah Flem, Dennis Healy, Chris Babb, Lauren Albarella, Katie Lawrence, Patrick Walker

City Council Representative: Sarah Stankorb Taylor

City Staff: Rob Nicolls

Guest visitor: Olivia Wilmink

**Approval of May 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

The May 12, 2021 minutes were approved with a typo correction.

**Better Bin Compost**

Olivia Wilmink of Better Bin Compost presented some new options for composting in Wyoming. Better Bin Compost is currently servicing 6 households with a weekly compost pickup service that costs \$30 per month. Olivia suggested scaling up to a drop off station. A 6'x6' drop off station allows for people to drop off full compost bins and pick up a clean bin. The drop off station would be serviced weekly by Better Bin Compost. Above 80 subscriptions the drop off station would be serviced twice weekly. Drop off Station subscription runs \$12 per month to participate and needs 20 commitments. Sarah Stankorb Taylor to discuss with Wyoming businesses, viable drop off station locations. Lastly, Olivia reviewed some numbers for potentially scaling beyond 250 residents, and what a city managed compost pick-up service may cost. (See attached service options provided by Better Bin Compost). ESC will be reviewing these numbers and assess the viability.

**Solid Waste/ Recycling Rate Update**

No new numbers this month.

Some paint we received on Upcycle Day was not acceptable to Matthew 25. Those paints were then salvaged and appropriately mixed into approximately 35 gallons of usable paint.

The Rec Center took approximately 15 gallons of mixed paint, and the remaining 20 gallons went back out to our neighbors on Freebox.

Patrick Walker to send out Upcycle Day letters of appreciation to our Upcycle Day partners.

**Joint Ventures with Urban Forestry – Storm Water Study Group**

Data from the survey has been compiled and ready for review by city staff. The study group has a meeting set with Wyoming city staff on June 24, 2021.

**Community Gardens Clean Up**

The commission acknowledged that the community garden's compost bin cleanup needs to be included on our calendar. Looking at November and March for appropriate maintenance. Will confirm after discussing seasonality with the gardeners.

Lauren Albarella reported the high school's compost bin received no use last year, due to Covid; but the middle school's bin did receive some use towards the end of the year. Compost quantities need to be compiled for submission.

### **ECO Styrofoam Event**

Patrick Walker to contact Eco regarding scheduling a Styrofoam event in January 2022.

### **Educational Plan - Magnet**

Sarah Flem to work with Debby and the printing company to determine what options for the educational magnet exist. Also to determine if a sticker may serve us better.

### **Recycling Audits**

Katie Lawrence suggested finding a way for Wyoming residents to submit a picture and ask if an item is recyclable. Much discussion followed and will work to incorporate into our education plan.

### **Next Meeting**

The next ESC meeting will be on July 14, 2021.

**Better Bin Compost**

Service Model Options for Residential Collection

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<b>Resident Managed</b>	<b>Cost/Resident/Month</b>	<b>Cost/Year</b>
<b>Drop-off Station</b>	\$12	\$144

Details: Self-service station, 4 gallon bin swap, 1x per week (clean bin replaces full bin).

Needs: 20 residents interested in participating, physical location/host site.

<b>Pick-up Service</b>	\$30	\$360
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Details: Door-to-door service, 4 gallon bin swap, 1x per week (clean bin replaces full bin).

Needs: 15 additional residents to participate to continue offering.

<b>City Managed</b>	<b>Cost/Resident/Month</b>	<b>Cost/Year</b>	<b>Pounds/Year</b>
<b>Pick-up Service (250 residents)</b>	\$6.33	\$19,000	91,000

Details: Door-to-door service, 4 gallon bin provided once, 1x per week (only liner is replaced).

Needs: City of Wyoming sponsored program.

<b>Pick-up Service (1,000 residents)</b>	\$4.16	\$50,000	364,000
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Same as above.

<b>Pick-up Service (3,200 residents)</b>	\$2.65	\$102,000	1.1M
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Same as above.

Numbers are for estimate purposes only. For a city managed pick-up service, a 6 month pilot with 100 residents is recommended to determine scalability of program.