

Environmental Stewardship Commission Meeting

Oct 13, 2021

Attendance

Members Present: Sarah Fairweather, Patrick Walker, Chris Pagan, Katie Lawrence, Lauren Albarella

City Staff: Rob Nicolls

Approval of September 8, Meeting Minutes

The September 8 meeting minutes were approved with no changes.

Solid Waste / Recycling Update

- Waste numbers up slightly
- Recycling percentage a little lower but mostly consistent
- Leaf load will be coming soon
- New numbers presented: waste per household and recycle per household

Education plan

Fall Festival

- Overall good showing by community, with positive opportunities to converse with residents
- People did spend time reviewing signage - some engagement around stormwater
- Specific request to have a creek walk (clean up opportunity, clear blockages, education) - some logistical things to consider (this person lives by golf course) - but generally a concept that is one the list of on the education plan - must include households that are around the creek (as primary contributors to waste build up)

Green Business Awards

- Deadline was on Monday (10/11)
- Two submissions - both one person entrepreneurial endeavors
- Commission decided to discuss and vote-

Submission one: Winning Edge Mobile Sharpening (Jay Friday)

Recycling? Recycles newspaper to wrap up sharpened knives and tools

Waste Reduction? Newspaper usage, sharpening knives and tools to reuse instead

Sharpening equipment run on solar power (energy captured in batteries)

Sharpening stone turns in water bath

Education? When seeing solar panels customers ask about them - to showcase and educate solar energy

Researching investment in an E-bike to use with solar panels to pick up and drop to customer

Submission two: Ron's Bike Garage - Bicycle maintenance, repair, restoration
Recycling? Aluminum / metals recycled separately, material upcycled
Reduce waste? Keeps old bikes out of landfill, cleaning material containers are reused, cleaners purchased as concentrate, facilitates bike usage, lighting low powered LED
Reduce water? Using concentrates (using less water)
Any other conservation measures: Entire business model is repairing and restoring bikes to get longer use and keep out of landfill
Also trying to find supplies that do reduced packaging and packing that can be recycled

- Sarah F will let Sarah S know that we have voted as she coordinates with Council, Sarah will shepherd through with her

Green Your School Contest

- Tabled discussion until we have a meeting with Chris
- Briefly discussed the challenge in the schools right now because of the Pandemic (fatigue on protocols)
- Are plexiglass panels still around? Good potential PSA Green Team opportunity to collect and repurpose

Storm water

- Urban forestry is still looking over calendar for joint stormwater event / workshop, likely spring of 2022
- Stearns Woods planting on Sat Oct 23 from 9-11 AM, if we want to participate (next Saturday)
- Community Garden Clean up - No details yet in terms of deadline on when it needs to get cleaned up - all communication should go through Debby Martin - deferring discussion
- Eco Styrofoam - date confirmed - we need to get word out - Jan 7, 2022
- Can we use "City News and Info Email"? Urgency in getting word out - Group sent a message to Debby during meeting
- Get out also on Green Team pages to Wyoming Parents and Friends

Misc Spring Planning (Dates from Rumpke for Yard and Junk Day):

- Yard waste - April 2, 2022
- Free Box weekend - April 2 (start)
- Upcycle Day - April 8, 2022
- Junk Day - April 9, 2022