

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION MEETING

February 9, 2022

Attendance

Members Present: Lauren Albarella, Chris Babb (Chair), Sarah Flem, Dennis Healy, Christopher Pagan, Patrick Walker
City Council Representative: Nancy Averett,
City Staff: Rob Nicolls (Staff Representative)

Approval of January 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes

The January 11, 2022 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.

Communication and Environmental Education

ESC reviewed and discussed communication and environmental education efforts. In previous meetings, the ESC had discussed creating a city-wide mailing that would include a magnet that would help educate and remind residents of the resources available to help them appropriately dispose of unwanted items. After discussion, the ESC that a more cost-effective approach would be to place an advertisement in Wyoming Living that would include information on upcycling, recycling and discarding unwanted items. Following that discussion, ESC passed a vote to request allocation of up to \$750 to pay for educational advertising in Wyoming Living magazine.

In addition to this action, ESC also passed a vote to request the allocation of \$1,500 for the Green Your School initiative, which supports projects by students and teachers to implement environmentally sustainable practices and projects in their schools.

Stormwater Study Group

ESC discussed the efforts of the Stormwater Study Group, which has collected data through resident surveys of locations in the City where there are stormwater issues. The Stormwater Study Group is having a meeting on February 24, 2022 and is expected to provide recommendations for ESC to consider in an upcoming meeting.

Upcycle Day

Wyoming's 3rd annual Upcycle Day will be held on April 8, 2022 from 10:00AM to 6:00PM. Multiple partners have confirmed their interest and plans to attend the day, and a request has been made to the City to allow the event to be held in Oak Park on April 8. Communication to residents will

happen through What's Up Wyoming in March, and through City e-blasts. This event has helped divert waste from Junk Day, promoting environmental sustainability and reducing costs. Patrick Walker continues to lead ESC's efforts for Upcycle Day.

Green Your School Contest

ESC is continuing to encourage schools to participate in the Green Your School contest.

Miscellaneous

ESC continued to discuss community composting options. ESC is continuing to explore options for providing community-based composting options for residents.

Next Meeting

The next ESC meeting will be on March 9, 2022.