

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION MEETING

January 8, 2020

Attendance

Members Present: Patrick Walker, Chris Babb, Katie Stock, Katie Lawrence, Dennis Healy, Brian Kwiatkowski

City Staff: Terry Huxel (Staff Representative)

Approval of December 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The December 11, 2019 meeting minutes were approved with no changes.

Wyoming Recycling Rate Update

In the waste report, Terry reported that the city recycling rate has climbed to nearly 50%, reflecting revised methodology for counting leaf pick up.

Discussion

The ESC communication and activity plan for 2019 was reviewed. We discussed using this plan to track activities throughout the year. We determined that we would review this document regularly in future meetings as a means of measuring progress and identifying activities.

The ESC discussed the upcoming expiration of the waste management contract with Rumpke, which will expire later this year. As a normal part of its duties, ESC will review bids for the city's waste management business and communicate its recommendations to the City.

We conducted a discussion about the annual Junk Pick-Up Day. It was noted that junk day contributes nearly 100 tons of waste and costs the city ~\$14,000 in incremental Rumpke charges to provide this service. A discussion occurred over whether Junk Day is consistent with the City's master plan. Further discussion will be held regarding this matter, but the ESC will increase its education efforts through communication on the ability of residents to discard items throughout the year as well as advertising alternative ways that junk items can be recycled or given to other organizations. These communication efforts will be launched now, and the impact on the 2020 Junk Day assessed. This topic will be included on the agenda of future meetings.