

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION MEETING (Virtual)

November 11, 2020

Attendance

Members Present: Sarah Stankorb-Taylor, Patrick Walker, Caroline Ammerman, Chris Babb, Kate Lawrence, Sarah Flem

City Staff: Terry Huxel (Staff Representative)

Approval of October 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The October 14, 2020 meeting minutes were approved with no changes.

Recycling Update

Terry indicated that Wyoming's recycling rate continues to be between 45-55%.

Upcycle Day

There were no changes to the draft appreciation letter that Chris prepared for Junk King, which was circulated to ESC members by email. Chris will prepare similar letters to Goodwill and the ReUse Center and email these letters to Patrick Walker for his signature. Patrick will then forward the signed letters to Terry for mailing.

Sarah Stankorb-Taylor and Chris will work on a letter to Freebox.

Budget for Upcycle Day: ESC must prepare a budget for Upcycle Day to be submitted and approved by City Council.

- For 2020, ESC will request money from City Council for magnets. Sarah Stankorb-Taylor will work with Weston, Wyoming's intern, to create a mock-up of the design for the magnet before going to City Council. The magnet will include three tenets of recycling:
 - 1) Use Freebox First – it is easiest, cheapest, and keeps the resources local
 - 2) Upcycle – Give item to Goodwill, Junk King, or Recycle Center
 - 3) Junk it – put the item out for RumpkePatrick will coordinate ideas for the magnet content with Sarah Stankorb-Taylor. Other details, including who will receive the magnets and how they will be distributed, are to be determined.

- Budget for next year will include costs to hold Upcycle Day. The greatest issue to be worked out is how to transport items to the Upcycle event.

To help ensure the success of Upcycle Day, it is important to educate residents on the importance of diverting waste from the landfill. To this end, Terry will talk to Rusty (acting City Manager) about creating a youtube video on waste diversion. It would be preferable that the video be available around the same time that the magnets are distributed to reinforce the messaging of the magnets.

Sarah Stankorb-Taylor noted that the Upcycle Event held this year had a positive impact on the community and was one thing that made people smile in a pretty bad year. ESC hopes to continue this event in future years as a way to transition a way from Junk Day.

Green Business Awards

Sarah Flem will present the two Green Business Awards at the City Council meeting to be held on November 16th.

Green Your School Mini-Grants

Chris contacted the elementary school principal who indicated that we should wait until Spring to continue the “Green Your School” mini-grant program.

Joint Ventures with Urban Forestry

There is a clean-up at Stearns Woods on November 14th, 9 am-11 am, for members of the ESC and Urban Forestry Commissions. Please see the email forwarded by Chris on November 10th for specifics on this event.

Stormwater Survey

Sarah Stankorb-Taylor is working on the stormwater survey with her Stormwater Committee. They hope to release the survey by December.

Next Meeting

The next ESC meeting will be held on December 9, 2020 as a Zoom meeting unless a decision is made to meet in person.