

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION MEETING

September 8, 2021

Attendance

Members Present: Chris Babb; Katie Stock; Patrick Walker; Christopher Pagan; Katie Lawrence; Lauren Albarella; Dennis Healy

City Council Representative: Sarah Stankorb-Taylor
City Staff: Rob Nicolls

Approval of August 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The August 11, 2021 meeting minutes were approved with no changes.

Solid Waste/Recycling Update

ESC reviewed the solid waste and recycling metrics for the City. ESC recommended that we add a population/household metric to understand the average amount of waste that is being generated per person/household in the City. The intent of this metric is to gain insight into the effectiveness of our waste reduction efforts over time as well as benchmark our performance against national averages.

Stormwater Update

Megan Statt Blake, Community Development Director, addressed ESC about the City's zoning code related to stormwater management. The City's zoning code has design standards that establish thresholds for when stormwater management systems are required. The goal of these standards is to avoid undue adverse impact on infrastructure, and the code does allow the City to require that actions be taken to mitigate stormwater when new projects are approved. Wyoming does not have a "coverage ratio" requirement in its zoning code. In some communities, coverage ratios -- which typically specify what percentage of a property may have impervious surfaces -- are used as a way to mitigate stormwater runoff. In 2019, the City did study whether to implement a coverage ratio requirement. Ultimately, the Planning Commission did not recommend the adoption of a coverage ratio requirement because of concerns about creating barriers to homeowners improving their property.

The ESC is continuing to collect data about stormwater through the stormwater survey in an effort to better understand the issue and will continue to explore recommendations.

Fall Festival

ESC will have a booth at the Fall Festival on October 2, 2021, and will continue its efforts to educate citizens on our initiatives and ways that they can support environmental sustainability.

Next Meeting

The next ESC meeting will be on October 13, 2021.