

CITY OF SILVERTON
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES
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3:00 P.M.

April 16, 2019

The Environmental Management Committee of the City of Silverton met at the Silverton Community Center, Council Chambers on April 16, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. with Chairperson Smith presiding.

I. OPENING CEREMONIES – Call To Order & Roll Call

Chairperson Smith called the Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Present	Absent	
X	_____	Chairperson Dana Smith
X	_____	Vice-Chair Chris Mayou
X	_____	Joe Craig
_____	X	Jaime Fuhrman
X	_____	Dawn Hemstreet
X	_____	Allyson Leboeuf
X	_____	Petra Schuetz, Public Works Director
X	_____	Republic Services; <i>Ex-Officio Member</i>

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Mayou moved to adopt the minutes from the March 19, 2019 meeting as presented. Member Hemstreet seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously. Chairperson Smith called for audience with visitors.

III. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Franchise Agreement for Republic Services – Christy S. Wurster

City Manager Christy Wurster presented information regarding franchise negotiations with Republic Services. She noted benefits of the current franchise agreement to the City of Silverton; solid waste services for City facilities and Saturday recycling depot available for community members. She added that Republic Services provides support for local events and organizations which is not a requirement of the existing agreement. She said community members would like a local customer service office; Republic Services is transitioning back to Woodburn office, other community concerns are related to recycling. She discussed the Environmental Management Committee's responsibility to review proposed fee increases and noted that Republic Services intends to ask for a fee increase. She reviewed sections of Silverton Ordinance No. 09-11. She proposed the possibility of including source separated materials for resource recovery for charitable purposes, in the new franchise agreement. She said the existing franchise agreement allows the City to conduct an annual "City Clean-up Campaign". She discussed the current 5% franchise fee which comes in to the City. She said the franchise fees are added to customer billing as a pass through but noted the significance as a revenue resource to the City.

Chairperson Smith asked for clarification on whether to fee goes directly to waste management or general fund. City Manager Wurster said it currently goes to general fund. She noted a provision about generated complaints; the City has one day to forward complaints and the franchise company has two days to respond to customer. She discussed the requirement for the franchise to have an office in Silverton. She mentioned that currently there is a not a requirement for single family residences to have solid waste services but multi-family units must have weekly solid waste collection and on site recycle containers. Chairperson Smith asked if multi-family unit locations are required to have recycling on site. City Manager Wurster confirmed this. Chairperson Smith asked if older multi-family units were grandfathered in. City Manager Wurster said generally, yes. Chairperson Smith said she would like to follow up with more discussion at a later date. Member Mayou asked if they could raise the fees for just large cans. City

Manager Wurster said she could look into it but usually it is a flat fee. Member Craig brought up the previous fee changes and a graduated scale on containers and asked if the data could be tracked to see if customers were opting for smaller cans. Jay Lawson from Republic Services said some data can be tracked. He noted a trend in larger containers with recent recycling restrictions. Drew Spainhower from Republic Services said people start with larger size cans but do not switch size later, and suggested customer education.

IV. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Sustainable Silverton – Silverton Energy Plan

Elyce Hues and Charles Baldwin were present in representing Sustainable Silverton. The Committee continued reviewing the Silverton Energy Plan draft beginning in the “What Can We Do” section. Ms. Hues asked if composting toilets could be added to Building and Energy, Strategies for Communities at Large under Adaptation. Chairperson Smith said it is not in the current development code but the Committee may recommend adding. Members Mayou, Hemstreet and Chairperson Smith verbalized support of this recommendation if included in the document. Chairperson Smith noted she would like to see rainwater collection specified in the document. There was a discussion between Chairperson Smith, Mr. Baldwin and Ms. Hues about clarification for gray water systems. Chairperson Smith asked to strike the reference to “bond” in the Strategies for the City, Adaptation section and replace with “funding”.

The Committee discussed a number of edits and asked for clarifications in the document. Chairperson Smith asked that a Materials Management section be added to the Consumption and Waste section under Strategies for the City, in particular, to work with local hauler for waste reduction. Chairperson Smith noted absence of City section under Food and Agriculture. Member Mayou said she would like the City to protect ability to have edible landscape. Member Schuetz said there is nothing currently prohibiting this.

Member Leboeuf asked how Sustainable Silverton plans to promote resource efficiency in schools. Mr. Baldwin said he would like to discuss this with Member Leboeuf and her teacher. Mr. Baldwin said he talked to a dog owner about her concerns over use of certain herbicides on school property. Member Craig talked about Committee goals for City to not use certain herbicides in parks. Member Schuetz said the City is working on refined policy to address noxious vegetation on City properties. Ms. Hues said she would like to see this information be available for community members to use on personal properties. Member Craig said he would like to see sales on certain herbicides banned in Silverton.

Chairperson Smith finalized discussion and directed Sustainable Silverton to provide final document to the City Council in May. She then directed members to attend the City Council meeting with any comments on the final document. Member Schuetz asked for clarification on City participation in the Sustainable Silverton community group. City Manager Wurster said preference is to not have an ongoing role of City staff; concerns may be brought to Environmental Management Committee or to the City Manager. Charles Baldwin said he would like Sustainable Silverton to be a resource for the community at large, not just the City.

4.2 Republic Services Recycling

Chairperson Smith asked for this agenda item to be moved to May 21, 2019 meeting. Member Schuetz asked that “HEAL” Cities be added to the agenda.

Chairperson Smith asked for committee communications. Member Mayou noted she will be absent for May, June and July meetings. Member Schuetz noted that City Hall is in process of becoming EarthWISE certified.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Chelsea Starner, Public Works Administrative Assistant