

**RECYCLING AD HOC COMMITTEE**  
**APRIL 13, 2021**

4/13/2021 - Minutes

1. Declaration Of A Quorum And Call Meeting To Order  
**Chair Joanie Steinhaus declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.**

2. Roll Call

**Present (via videoconference): Board Members Joanie Steinhaus, Cody Wright, Susan Syler, Dorothy Trevino, Dr. Jackie Cole, and David Fortenberry; Ex Officio Member William Schuster, City Council; Cindy Dewitt, Director of Administration and Sanitation; Scott Van Slyke, Recycling Department; Dan Buckley, Deputy City Manager; and Janelle Williams, City Secretary.**

**Absent: Stephanie Vasut.**

3. Consider Approval Of The December 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes.  
**Susan Syler made a motion to approve the December 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes, with Cody Wright seconding the motion. Unanimously approved.**
4. Public Comments (Limited To Three Minutes Each)  
**None.**
5. Discussion And Possible Consideration Of The Following Items:

A. How to effectively create an environment where residents and visitors have citywide access to recycling. **City staff and committee members discussed the following items: What do we mean by citywide recycling? Would that include extending it to commercial businesses?; Cindy Dewitt reported on a previously discussed idea of a pilot program for bars and restaurants in the downtown area; Scott Van Slyke reported that big box stores have their own sustainability programs so smaller retailers would be the target for a pilot program; and one company on the island currently provides residential curbside recycling for approximately \$16.00 per month.**

B. How does the City effectively market and advertise its recycling facility? **Staff reported on the following marketing efforts: the City is hosting some citywide cleanup events; staff is working on some educational videos for "Recycling - Did you know?" and on commodities and how they are stored; the first video will include the subject "How to recycle at the Recycling Center"; all will be posted on the city's social media pages and the website; final disposition notices and a chart of successes and/or opportunities will be posted on the website in their near future. The committee recommended sharing videos with the Park Board and [www.galveston.com](http://www.galveston.com), possibly making some brochures for short term rental agencies to share with renters, and sharing recycling information with community groups and HOA's on the island.**

C. What can the City do to make the facility more user friendly? **The committee commented that city staff has already made some changes to make the current facility more user friendly. City staff reported on a possible new recycling center, contingent on the sale of some city owned land. If a new center is built, it would be nothing like the current facility. It would be on the same property but in a different location. Staff will share plans for the new site with the committee for their review.**

D. Understanding the facility will operate 5- 6 days a week during daylight hours, are some days and times better? **Staff reported that the center is currently open 7 days a week to the public but the city would like to alter hours and possibly close at 7:00 PM. They are working on charting activity at the Recycling Center for the committee to review.**

E. Curbside recycling would add \$10 to people's utility bills, is this figure still correct? Was it for single stream? Dual stream? **Staff reported that the previous figure was \$10.00 per utility bill, and this figure has not been updated. Staff has not received any additional mandate from Council to do so.**

6. Request Agenda Items For Future Meetings

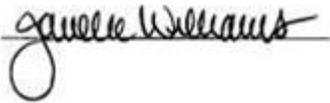
**Future agenda items: (1) adding an item to the list under Agenda Item #5 to make a decision on extra drop off locations; (2) touring the current recycling center on April 27th; (3) a Park Board presentation at the May 11th meeting; (4) the possibility of meeting in-person; (5) what is the committee's deliverable?; and (6) an update from Cindy and Scott at the next meeting on long and short term goals.**

7. Schedule Future Meetings

**April 27th meeting will be a tour of the current recycling center.**

8. Adjournment

**The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.**

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Janelle Williams, City Secretary

Date Approved: June 8, 2021