



## MINUTES

Sustainability Working Group Minutes 4/2/24.

Attending: Camille Parrish, Jane, Sharon Benoit, Brian Cullen, Chris, Dave Griswold, Ralph Harder, Ben Lounsbury, Jane Costlow, Christopher Carson

Guest: Mayor Jeff Harmon (joined @ 11 a.m.)

Meeting commenced @ 10:00 a.m.

Discussion:

(prior to Mayor's arrival) Reviewed and discussed Jane's list of Key Topics and process for prioritizing and evaluating same. Discussed threshold issue of whether City should continue to provide weekly curbside collection of household trash. Also discussed "pay-to-throw approach", reducing or eliminating curbside collection in rural districts and automated vs. non-automated trash collection. Pros and cons of all issues were raised and considered.

(following Mayor's arrival) Mayor distributed his Solid Waste Disposal Notes and made a presentation based on same. SWG members presented comments and questions throughout presentation. Mayor predicted that City Council would never approve "pay-to-throw approach" or reducing or eliminating curbside collection in rural districts or resumption of curbside collection of bulky waste. Also encouraged SWG to hold future workshop with City Council.

Actions:

1. Approved Minutes of 3/19/24 meeting.
2. SWG unanimously agreed to recommend that City continue to provide weekly curbside collection of household trash.
3. Continue interviews of key Solid Waste Disposal stakeholders, including Talya Bent of Casella, presently scheduled for April 16, 2024.
4. Next meeting April 16 @ 10AM, Rm 204.

