

**Sierra Vista Environmental Stewardship Commission (ESC)**  
**Minutes of Recycling Work Group Meeting**  
**Wednesday, August 21, 2024 (3:30-5:00pm)**  
**Sierra Vista Library Small Conference Room**

**Attendees:** Joelle Buffa, ESC Commissioner and Recycling Work Group Coordinator  
David Jones, ESC Commissioner  
Karen LeMay, ESC Commissioner and Work Group Secretary

**Introduction / Icebreaker:**

Each attendee spoke about an item they recently started to reduce, reuse and/or recycle (3 R's). Responses were:

- using Costco's "Recycle on Us" program that accepts used containers of oral hygiene products.
- bringing aluminum cans to the animal shelter's recycle bins.
- keeping a food container and bag in the car for leftovers at a restaurant rather than bringing home the restaurant's styrofoam container.

**Debrief of 7/24/2024 ESC Meeting:**

Members were pleased to receive an update from Councilman Johnson on the City's purchase of the PDS country club.

Members look forward to the 8/28/2024 field trip to the Environmental Operations Park and Green Waste and Compost facility.

**Discuss Recycling Survey / Art in the Park:**

At the 7/24/2024 ESC meeting, the survey questions were reviewed. Sharon Flissar said she would review the survey in the next week, make minor changes, and then get back to us with a final copy. An estimated publication date was set for the first week of September. Since no one has heard back from Ms. Flissar, Joelle will follow up by email since we will not have a regular meeting before the first week of September.

To increase the number of survey responses, members discussed having a booth at Art in the Park to interact with the local community. Paper copies of the survey as well as a QR code could be available to people at the festival, with the possibility of giving out a raffle ticket for a prize. Karen spoke to the Art in the Park organizers and was not able to verify if the booth would be considered a "nonprofit" booth with no charge. Dave offered to contact Laura Wilson, head of SV Parks & Recreation, to find out if they would have a table, tablecloth, and shade structure.

Other ideas to publish the survey were a Sierra Vista Herald article with QR code, all Sierra Vista Facebook pages, a poster with QR code posted on bulletin boards, a table at the library, and homeowner association coordination.

**Update on Pueblo del Sol Golf Course Acquisition:**

Members briefly discussed Paradigm Golf Group's environmental mission statement, future water conservation ideas, solar panels for charging golf carts, and recycling opportunities.

Since the City will own the property on September 6<sup>th</sup>, and new rules and regulations are now being formed, the members discussed having someone bring up environmental topics for the golf course at each City Council meeting. Dave offered to do this during the Call to the Public, if members gave him topics to address.

**Ideas for Articles to Publish on Recycling:**

Karen has drafted an article on the research done by another member to update the City's "What and Where to Recycle" page. Karen will finalize the article for approval at the next ESC meeting.

Other suggestions for articles would be to have the Sierra Vista Herald publish articles, working with Mark Hayes, on recycling updates such as the availability of the upcoming Engage platform survey.

**Summary / Set Next Meeting Date:**

- Follow-up with City on publication of our recycling survey.
- Follow-up with City on a festival booth for our commission to interact with the local community on our recycling survey or other environmental issues.
- The next Recycle Work Group meeting was not set.