

Solid Waste Task Force Meeting Summary- September 4, 2013

Members Present: Stephen Deleski, Tim Johnson, Tom Amberg, Don Williamson, Megan DeSchepper-Planner/Airport Manager.

Members Absent: Charly Leuze, Joline Hovland, Abdullahi Omar, Linda Mathiasen, and Jason Dougherty.

- The task force reviewed the summary notes.
- As per the task forces request staff had contacted the City Attorney to see the legality of having the CSO (Community Service Officers) issue citations for garbage violations in the CBD as they are already working the area for parking violations. The City Attorney said yes, that would be a possibility and he could draft an Ordinance for such should the City Council chose to move that direction.
- The task force discussed putting parameters on the power of the CSO's as well as variations based off the level of violation and repeat offenders. They talked about also having a section on abatement where the City cleans it up and assesses the property owner. Staff will check with the League of MN Cities and other resources to get some samples of administrative citations for the task force to review for ideas.
- The task force wants text added recommending putrescible waste being bagged for all uses and in commercial uses specifically restaurants/groceries/butchers double bagged.
- Oil/grease storage was discussed; staff will research further options/storage for oils/grease. They talked about bio-recycling being encouraged.
- Frequency of pick-up was discussed, only an issue when there is odors or overflow issues. Minimum of weekly for commercial uses and if restaurants/butchers/groceries cause issues the City should push for the more frequent pick-up.
- The task force talked about the leasing of garbage container space. They thought that in CBD the rental housing code should require all landlords to provide garbage service (regardless of the number of units). They were ok with business renting dumpster storage space, as long as the owner of the property is held accountable if there are issues.
- Next meeting the task force will go over enforcement and violations and draft up ideas for how the CSO garbage citations would operate.
- The next task force meeting will be October 2, 2013 at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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