

Pomona Waste & Recycling Task Force

December 18, 2014, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Pomona City Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:00 P.M. by Tim Sandoval. All members were present with the exception of Julie Carver, Adriana Pinedo, and Victor Caceres.

1. Volunteer for meeting minutes for this meeting

Ingrid Gutierrez volunteered to take minutes for the December 18, 2014 Pomona Waste & Recycling Task Force (Task Force) Meeting.

2. Adoption of past meeting minutes

A motion was made by Kyle Brown and seconded by Joe Williams to adopt the Meeting minutes of December 3, 2014. Julie was to review minutes (The meeting minutes of October 15, 2014?)

3. Review of tonight's agenda – addition of any new items?

Tom Hsieh reminded us by email that the "Save the Date" for Feb. 18th coincides with Ash Wednesday and that this might make it difficult for many community members to attend, including task force members. We agreed to push the date late a day, for Thursday, February 19, 2015.

Fire Captain Byron Prewitt gave an update on the fire data. The acquisition of data relating to fires at recycling centers will take longer than previously anticipated.

No new items were added to the December 18, 2014 agenda.

Derek Engdahl directs a Christian Ministry in Poor Urban Communities and he gave us a Training on How to Facilitate House Meetings. The agency he works with provides services, but the bedrock of the work is helping to build and organizing change. The purpose of the house meeting is to gather information, not "download" or "upload" information. The training covered how to approach, empower, and invite people to get involved and come up with solutions. General guidelines included going in pairs, create a clear agenda with introduction, main questions for dialogue, summarizing what people share, identifying next steps, natural leaders, and debriefing with partner. Ideally, meetings will house a range of 5-12 people, with best

conversations at 5-6 people per meeting. Tim Sandoval asked about the physical layout of the meeting, it is advised to have a circular/round layout. Mike Suarez asked for techniques to get people to attend the house meetings-- Open invites don't work as well as INDIVIDUAL conversations. Tom Hsieh suggested that people could start by inviting 3 individuals and ask them to bring one more person. Mark Lazaretto asked whether or not it would be better to have separate meetings for different languages, to which Derek said it depends on the group and if they are all monolingual. For more of a review, the sheet, provided by Derek, will be shared on the Google Docs.

There was a role play activity. Derek facilitated the "house meeting." Meg McWade, Mark Lazaretto, Mike Suarez, and Joe Williams volunteered to be participants at the house meeting. There were diverse perspectives from the community member, city employees, and school board employee. Feedback from the group included: Derek did a good job at letting the participants connect with each other.

4. Report from each subcommittee on meeting, goals and next steps

Subcommittee groups broke out at the end of this meeting. Tim Sandoval from the Community Engagement subcommittee, did however, share that they are working on a flyer with statistics and figures that will be shared on Google Docs.

5. Items for agenda for next meeting

Linett reminded the group that Victor Caceres had requested for a general runthrough of commercial and residential waste. Meg mentioned that could be presented, in addition to route maps. Tom Hsieh expressed interest in educating ourselves in our meeting, in a way that addresses the whole system and how it works.

6. Comments and input from guest attendees No Guest attendees.

7. Next meeting January 7, 2015, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM in the admin board room.

The meeting was adjourned and subcommittee groups broke into session.