

Minutes
City of Venice
Solid Waste and Recycling Rate Stakeholders' Work Group
April 21, 2016

The Solid Waste and Recycling Rate Stakeholders' Work Group met on April 21, 2016 at 2:00 PM in the Public Works Administration Conference Room.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Lee Lichtle, Chair called second meeting of the *Solid Waste and Recycling Rate Stakeholders' Work Group* at 2:00 PM on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at the Public Works Administration Building.

II. Roll Call

The following Work Group members were present: Jack Oros, Lee Lichtle, Fred Francis, Mike Pachota, Jerry Jasper, and Tony Pinzone. Deb Reynolds and Howard Berk were absent. Also present, city of Venice staff: John Veneziano, Bob Moroni, and Susan Carpenter. Additionally, Peter Engel with Kessler Consulting was in attendance.

III. New Business

- Approval was given for the following Work Group Mission Statement: *Our mission is to provide a recommendation to the City Council by July 2016 on changes to the solid waste and recycling rates and/or services for the 2017 fiscal year budget and to provide a subsequent recommendation to the City Council by spring 2017 regarding future changes to solid waste and recycling rates and/or services, paying for solid waste and recycling facilities, and policies related to solid waste and recycling services.*
- Mr. Pinzone expressed interest in more discussions taking place regarding reducing rates when part-time residents are absent.
- Discussions took place on the revenue and expense report provided by the Finance Department. The information did not seem to match information previously provided.
- Discussions were made about the difficulties the department in experiencing in hiring qualified persons to perform the very labor intensive work required to collect solid waste, recycling and yard waste. Changing to an automated type collection would allow for a more diverse workforce due to reduced labor requirements.
- Peter Engel with Kessler Consulting pointed out that the figures provided by Finance were different than the estimations based on historical data that

were provided earlier. Once the updated figures are verified, he can update his future outlook for the funds involved.

- As discussions continued on the various financial information, it was decided the best course of action was to invite the Interim Director of Finance, Linda Senne, to the next meeting on May 5th to help explain such topics as the rationale behind the Administrative Charges, how depreciation factors into the fund balance and to determine the actual, current fund balance.

IV. Work Group Requests

- Examples of carts that might be used when the city garbage collection changes to automated collection. Three sizes to be presented.
- Request for Linda Senne to attend next meeting.

V. Audience Participation

No audience participation took place.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM