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Hello Everyone,

It might be in our best interest to ask City Council for an extension of the October deadline. Members of this Task Force are trying hard to make the right recommendations, with as much in the way of supporting figures and resources attached as possible. Given what's still lacking in transparency and the charts that still need to be completed in a more through process...an extension is warranted. Especially since the contract with Kimble isn't up until later next year.

Is there a specific reason that Council wanted us to complete our directive in such a short time? They have know for quite sometime that equipment needs to be replaced as well as changes that will be forthcoming to the Kimble contract.

Short of getting an extension of at least another month, I would like to see the following happen. I apologise if it bounces around a bit....I think faster than I type!

Thanks in advance for reading this.

Thank everyone for all of your hard work and commitment to this project!

- * Keep the Transfer Station. It's grandfathered in and can't be replaced once it's gone. This is a community of unique needs and circumstances. It's not a "one size fits all" community. We are fortunate to have access to this facility.
- * Make the necessary repairs and updates to the Structure of the Transfer Facility.
- * Automate the Solid Waste/Recycling/Yard Waste pick-up method for Cleveland Heights Residents.
- * Begin to charge a reasonable fee to all business that the Cleveland Heights Refuse department has graciously been retrieving recycling materials from...free of charge. I'd suggest that this fee begin January 1, 2020. Give them ample notice to either stay with our system, or contract privately.
- * Come up with a fee structure and implementation process to deal with customers who do not comply with Cleveland Heights/Cuyahoga County, Solid Waste, Bulk and Recycling procedures. " Compliance Collections"these fees need to be collected monthly. Not tacked onto individual taxes or rental property yearly permits.
- * Offer pick-up of small bulk residential cleaning out twice yearly. Spring Cleanup and Fall Cleanup. Residential only... not apartment move outs. In place of this, a "No Fee" drop off of bulk items could be offer at the Transfer Facility, twice yearly. Sort of like the community shred day.

* Purchase new Automated Trucks on a rotating basis over 5 years. For the immediate future, purchase 2 New Trucks, and Retrofit the two trucks that currently have some life left in them. Then, on a scheduled plan, purchase the additional trucks, to also include the replacement of the 2 trucks previously retrofitted.

* Still allow for residential pick up of bulk items but by appointment only and with a reasonable fee attached. The fee needs to take into account the cost of type of item, gas, employee, truck use, insurance, etc...paid for in advance. People who want to put dining room chairs out on the tree lawn (or various other items) could still do so. However, the city should not pick them up on trash day. If it's not a specific bulk pickup day...then the residents should be aware that they will have to retrieve the item from the tree lawn. There are a lot of social media resources out there for residents to use to "Recycle" used furniture, clothing, lawnmowers, etc. If a resident doesn't have access to social media, many of the local coffee shops, libraries and community centers have bulliten boards for posting items on. I know we have all enjoyed the wonderful tree lawn treasures that we've found over the years. But the city should not be responsible for disposal of the items on a weekly basis.

* Purchase the necessary Solid Waste and Recycling bins. Citywide. A complete rollout is needed. Rolling out the program over a long period of time, will make the transition drawn out and perhaps, more difficult to adjust to.

I had considered the possibility of recycling being collected every other week. However, we are a community that is big on recycling. Most do it incorrectly, but with proper education, that will change. So, weekly is best. Besides, there will be a lot of people who will put the cans out every week anyway. It could lead to confusion and extra runs.

* As a gesture of good will towards the citizens of Cleveland Heights, it might be a good idea to not charge the residents for the first set of new carts. Especially since the \$11.20 monthly fee we pay now, will More than likely be in the \$18-20 a month fee. Replacement carts could come with a fee attached. The carts still will need to be taken care of and belong to CH.

* Eliminate Refuse and Recycling service to all rental units greater than 4 per building. They can hire a private contractor. This may require an ordinance.

* Institute an ordinance requiring both residential and rental property move-outs to use a dumpster or bag. It can't be placed on the tree lawn. Bags or dumpsters have a two week limit. Arrangements for pickup need to be made at the time of rental or bag purchase.

Renovation of property should also require either a bag or dumpster and a permit with a time limit on how long the bag or dumpster can stay on-site.

I know that the bags are available at Home Depot. However, it would be in the cities best interest to sell the bags. This way they can keep track of each one and ensure the proper placement of the bag on site, as well as the timely pick up of it. I'm not saying that we should pick them up. There's a number on the bag to call for pickup. At least if people have to go through our Refuse department, they can keep track. I would also suggest that anyone using a dumpster have to have a permit and that the refuse department is notified, so that they can keep track of the placement and length of time that the dumpster is on a residential property.

* Yard Waste....educate the residents.

* EDUCATION (this will be critical, time consuming and complicated)

Hire a full time person to organize ongoing monthly community education regarding the refuse, yard waste and recycling rules. Especially, during the Spring, Summer and Fall seasons. Notification in the twice a year Cleveland Heights magazine isn't enough.

This person should also be required to see to it that all Business, Realtors and Rental/Property Management companies active in Cleveland Heights, are notified and clear on the rules for Refuse and Recycling....on an ongoing and follow up basis. This person would also be tasked with finding grants to help defray costs associated with anticipated changes to Cleveland Heights Refuse and Recycling, as well as finding ways to involve the community in drop off recycling-wish-cycling events.

Another thought...something in the way of an ordinance needs to be made to require renters and their agents to sign a document stating that they are fully aware and will be complaint with the Refuse and Recycling procedures. A rental agent could even make the expenses of a move-out bag, be deducted from the units security deposit.

There's so much more that I'd like to say...but I think this is enough for now.

Thanks again for reading!

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