

Denver Waste No More Implementation Task Force

Meeting 1: March 9, 2023, 2:00-5:00 pm
Wellington Webb Municipal Building, 201 West Colfax, Room 4G2

Meeting Objectives

- Task Force members to meet each other, develop sense of shared purpose
- Clarify Task Force overall scope, expected outcomes, tentative approach/work plan
- Address initial questions and launch the process

AGENDA

2:00 **Welcome**

2:10 **Introductions**

2:45 **Agenda Review + Process Agreements**

2:50 **Task Force Purpose, Goals + Guiding Principles**

- Context and overview of Waste No More ordinance
- What overall questions need to be addressed by Task Force
- Expected outcomes – what will happen with the Task Force’s recommendations
- Guiding principles

3:30 **Break**

3:35 **Discuss/Clarify Issues + Task Force Scope**

- Share themes from onboarding discussions
- Discussion in breakout groups
- Identify key topics in large group

4:30 **How the Task Force Will Do Its Work**

- Review Draft Charter
- Task Force questions and discussion
- Identify possible work groups + next steps

4:50 **Next steps + April Task Force meeting**

- Deeper dive into relevant context: where and in what ways can the ordinance account for, adjust to, and/or influence these factors?

5:00 **Close**

DRAFT Guiding Principles

The Waste No More Task Force will develop recommendations that:

- a) Make Denver a **national model** for implementing zero waste while prioritizing social and environmental justice – we have the opportunity and must do both.
- b) Prioritize **under-resourced** buildings and **BIPOC** neighborhoods early.
- c) Recognize Waste No More as a core **climate resilience** and **sustainability strategy** for Denver.
- d) Aim for **resounding success** – massive diversion of waste – several years down the road.
- e) Emphasize **education** and **outreach** as a primary component.
- f) Ensure the Task Force process is **transparent** to all stakeholders, with **opportunities** for all community members to receive information about the process and have a voice.
- g) Don't reinvent the wheel; **learn** from what is working elsewhere.
- h) Address consumers' need for consistent, cross-sector **messaging**.
- i) Seek cost-effective, **feasible** and sustainable strategies for all stakeholders.
- j) Seek '**eager compliance**' among property owners and managers by ensuring solutions are achievable, well supported, and rolled out strategically and aligned with the implementation timeline in the ballot language.
- k) Allow for flexibility for **changing circumstances** if new alternatives are developed or become more cost effective.
- l) Ensure the ordinance is as integrated and **aligned** as possible with relevant regional and statewide approaches.
- m) Focus on people and real human lives, and on improving overall **well-being**.