Trash notes 2019

Trash Boxes placed earlier than Saturday morning risk being stolen by neighbors for parties. Bags will also be removed from boxes for the same reason.

Suggested solution: Wait until Saturday to place boxes. Also request and additional 10 trash boxes from Pride to use as replacements. These can also be used to replace cans on Sunday that have been compromised by liquids.

Trash Boxes were not placed in accordance with the map.

Suggested solution: Assign boxes by street names, not numbers. Each street should then have a separate map showing the location of Trash boxes. Ideally there would be one volunteer per street. If not volunteers can be assigned more than one street.

Pride gave us two different sized boxes. Pride assumed we would place the cans in pairs, one large box for recycle and one small box for trash. Some were placed in this manner by volunteers.

Suggested Solution: Request that Pride provides us with just large cans. Doubling the number of cans at all 40 sites is not desirable. This would vastly increase the number of hours required for placement, upkeep and removal.

Dumpsters removed from Balboa Drive before Monday cleanup.

Suggested Solution: Confirm time of dumpster removal and location of trash disposal sites at Pride with Pride officials prior to Pride. Note: Any dumpsters within the festival area will not be accessible to us at the times we need them for disposal. (4-9am)

Every year the volume of trash collected in the boxes has increased.

Suggested solution: Additional volunteer(s) will be needed to empty boxes on Sunday mornings & remove boxes and trash on Monday morning. Note: I collected six truckloads during Pride. I expect that volume or more in future years. Collection should be done as early as possible on Sunday & Monday. Traffic volumes increase quickly in the morning. Traffic complicates pickup and compromises volunteer safety. The largest volume will be collected on Sunday. I usually start on Sixth Avenue no later than 4:30am. Starting pickup later in the morning will require additional volunteer time.

Trash volume could be reduced by asking residents to place their household cans curbside over the weekend. A few businesses and residents are already doing this.