



TOWN OF ERIE

Meeting Minutes Sustainability Advisory Board

645 Holbrook Street
Erie, CO 80516

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

6:30 PM

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER 6:33**

2. **ROLL CALL**

Kaycee Headrick, Art Henderlong, Justin Benore, Rose Murphy

Also present: Councilor Dan Hoback, Eryka Thorley, Dylan King, McKenzie Fernandez, Alex Arnold

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Agenda approved with amendment to discuss officer positions and PAC (planning advisory commission). Motion by Art, second by Justin, approved as amended.

4. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

February minutes approval withheld until recording reviewed. To be corrected and sent to SAB members. Approval of February minutes to be on April Agenda.

5. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

public comment: none

Councilor Hoback: noted that he has been on Council, formerly Board of Trustees, for 2 years and is eligible to run again in November. He is the Council liaison to this board, not a voting member of the board. The Council is looking forward to the Arbor/Earth Day celebration. March 5th the Council studies the Comprehensive Plan. It was recorded and can be accessed online through the Town of Erie website.

COGCC permits all oil wells. Recently permit was denied for a proposed Coyote Trails well complex.

The landfill task force consultant's mission is to research and explain the options for the landfill. It works with the 8-member board and Waste Connections. Eryka is involved as town staff

Introduction of board members, prospective members and staff:

Justin works for the USGS National Water Quality Board. He has been on the Board of Adjustment.

McKenzie is an avid Eco Warrior and passionate about zero waste and sustainability.

Rose has been on the board for 4 years and has been the secretary for most of that time. She joined to move citizens and the Town Council toward more sustainable practices. College degree and work experience do not directly relate to sustainability.

Art is a former high school science teacher. Also, while in Indiana he started testing water quality, worked with the EPA on sick building and has also worked with NEA, ISGA and was involved with setting up recycling in several municipalities. He has been on this board for one year and was on the tree board for 10 years. His goal is to move Erie farther ahead in sustainability practices.

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Eryka is Sustainability Manager for Erie. She started in 2023 and currently manages a staff of 5. She worked with sustainability issues with Denver and Nederland prior to becoming Sustainability Manager for Erie.

Dylan oversees sustainability and water conservation and efficiency for Erie. He has been on the staff for 3 years. Among his responsibilities is the turf replacement program.

Kaycee is CEO of the Early Childhood Council in Boulder County.

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Staff Reports

Dylan: Turf replacement rebate applications for 2024 are going well. Garden-In-A-Box is popular. Slow-the-Flow is an ongoing project. Erie has been accepted to the Water Now Accelerator Project. They are starting to work on the 2025 landscape ordinance. In response to Kaycee's questions Dylan noted that the Town is working with HOA's. Artificial turf is not acceptable as a replacement for Kentucky blue grass. It's best to use the term "low water requirement plants" rather than Xeriscape. The state is encouraging municipalities to enact low-water plant requirements. Dylan is also working with businesses to help them align with Green Business Network goals. He noted that the bag fees that are collected must go towards sustainability efforts, recycle, compost and the Greenstar schools' program.

Eryka: She is working on the Technical Assistance Grant with Front Range Waste Divergence. The group met Monday. Goals will be similar to the 2023 goals. The recycle center construction is ongoing. She met with Boulder County at a recycle conservation meeting. They are looking for more ideas to expand waste diversion. They are updating the event application to make it easier to make events zero waste events. The Town of Erie is requesting compost bins near food vendors or food at events. Emma: Noted the Eco Leader program. The Eco leader training is quite comprehensive. The street light acquisition from Xcel is ongoing. This will allow streetlights served by Excel to be changed LED. Half of Erie is with United Power. UP does not have a similar program. They are working on a large solar garden that could produce about 1.7 megawatts. This is enough power for 70% of the needs of the wastewater treatment plant.

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Other Items

Sustainability board member roles were discussed. Chair, vice chair and secretary are required.

Art motioned that we table assigning roles until a later meeting as we have several new members. Temporarily, Kaycee will serve as chair, Art at vice chair and Rose as secretary until June. Second by Justin. Motion passed.

It was noted that the SAB member, Karen W. will miss 3 meetings due to work with the Erie Police. Kaycee moved to excuse Karen for the 3 meetings. Second by Art. Motion passed.

Earth Day/Arbor Day: April 27th from 10:00 to 1:00 at the Park Post Pavilion. Eryka has an up-to-date list of participating vendors. An initial meeting has been postponed. Dylan is reaching out to EV dealers and solar vendors. The inclement weather back up location is in the library. There are currently 12 vendors and 8 booths for the Town of Erie, including the Tree Board and the Sustainability Advisory Board. Sweet Cow and 2 food trucks will also be present. McKensie asked about reusable items relating to food and beverage service. Art and Rose volunteered to be there. Justin thought he could also be there. We need people to direct traffic, announce, coordinate raffles. Art noted that he will attend the next Tree Board meeting since they are also involved in the planning. SWAG items include bags, metal straws, 3 pallets of LED light kits, and some single LED bulbs. It was suggested that we have a QR code that directs people to information on the latest recycling and compost rules. Raffle items include compost bins, 4 tip top tree books, soil savers, felt pots, and rain barrels. Art made a motion to approve \$800 for the purchase of more raffle items. Second by Kaycee. Motion carried.

The Front Range Sustainability Board Regional Networking meeting is March 20 at the Westminster City Hall. Justin and Rose will attend.

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Sunshine Law: It was noted that 2 or more members of boards may not meet to discuss the business of the board. All board meeting required public notice.

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6. ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned.

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Next regular meeting –April 3, 2023, at 6:30