



TOWN OF ERIE

645 Holbrook Street
Erie, CO 80516

Meeting Minutes

Sustainability Advisory Board

Tuesday July 2, 2024

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

6:30

2. ROLL CALL

Alex Arnold, Justin Benore, Karen Winkler, Rose Murphy, Art Henderlong

Also present: Council Member Dan Holbrook, Staff Member Eryka Thorley,

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Art motioned, Alex second. Agenda approved.

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Karen motioned, Alex second, previous minutes approved.

5. Public Comment

No public comment.

6. Council Member Updates

Dan had nothing to report.

7. Staff Report

Eryka reported that the 3rd Landfill Task force meeting was held. There was discussion of landfill expansion. Look on town website for more information.

It was one of the driest Junes on record. The town reported lots of calls relating to water and water bills. She reminded us that Resource Central does water audits to help residents detect leaks and learn other ways to conserve water. HOA's can also take advantage of the water audits.

The update to the town regarding the single hauler concept was postponed from the June 18th meeting. Efforts are being made to contact HOA officers and property managers.

Art is on the HOA board for his Brennan by the Lake. He noted that HOA's can apply for a northern Colorado grant relating to water use. He also discussed Allo's damage to water lines while putting in new internet cables. There were 30 leaks, improperly repaired by Allo. To date, Allo has not paid \$20,000 in invoices from contractors who were brought in to properly repair the damaged water lines. Art also said they continued to work even though they had been issued a "stop work order". Councilor Hoback will pass this information on to the Deputy Administrator.

8. 2025 Budget Review

Eryka, Alex and Rose met to discuss the SAB budgets for previous years. The budget allocation for Ecocycle education in the schools appears to be a good outreach. \$8000 was allocated, \$4k in Spring and \$4k in fall. \$1000 suggested for clean up days. \$1000 suggested for Arbor/Earth Day. Another \$1K was suggested for "Strategic Waste Reduction" opportunities. These might include working with a program that collects recyclable and yard waste from individuals who cannot access the town yard or other facilities. Also suggested was \$1k for promotional materials. Eryka noted that the shed was purchase in 2023. Shed plus shelving totaled approximately \$3000.00. SAB uses it to store lighting kits from Xcel and promotional materials. Eryka noted that leaf recycling events will not

need to be covered in the budget this year as the town now has yard waste as a permanent part of the recycling center. Art suggested that more money be set aside for programs for parents and kids such as “no idle zones”. This needs to occur in both Boulder and St. Vrain school districts. Other suggestions included kid field trips to Ecocycle. Kim Orr is the contact at Ecocycle. Field trips are expensive. Another program we could support and promote in schools is the Greenstar program. Art moved to approve the 2025 budget. Second by Karen. Budget approved.

9. Bee Task Force

Karen and Mackenzie researched apiaries They concluded that joining a task force focused on bees would be the wrong emphasis for Erie. Instead, they recommended promoting pollinators of all species. The SAB may be able to help by promoting more pollinator gardens. Resource central can help with that by planting pollinator gardens on town owned property. We can also promote pollinator Garden in a Box units. Karen noted that, in addition to working with individual residents, we should be promoting pollinator and water wise planting to the HOA's. Eryka noted that the town website currently lacks a landing page for people to get specific information for water wise pollinator attracting plants. Perhaps we could organize a bike tour of water smart pollinator gardens in Erie. Resource central has a list of everyone who bought garden in a box planting. This might be a place to start organizing a tour. Alex asked what the Erie Parks department is planting. Eryka noted that they plant only native perennials. She also noted that they use very few pesticides. When they do, they are targeting specific insects. Justin thanked Karen and Mackenzie for their research. He noted that SAB can promote pollinator gardens by having a specific landing page on the town website and organizing a bike tour of the pollinator gardens that currently exist. Alex and Karen suggested that we have a rough draft of a proclamation by Fall.

10. Front Range Community Sustainability Board

Justin and Karen attended the recent community action meeting It was suggested that our board would benefit the most if we have cohesive attendance. Justin agreed to attend all meetings. The second SAB member to attend will alternate. Alex agreed to attend with Justin at the next meeting to be held in Boulder.

11. Board Member Updates

The biannual report is due in September.

Alex suggested that there should be a working group session to develop a Sustainability Ordinance. Eryka noted that one was developed in 2019. Board members had questions relating to the town change to home rule. Would that change affect the SAB mission.

Meeting adjourned 7:56

Next regular meeting –August 7, 2023, at 6:30