



TOWN OF ERIE

645 Holbrook Street
Erie, CO 80516

Meeting Minutes

Sustainability Advisory Board

Wednesday, October 4, 2023,

6:30 PM

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER 6:29

2. ROLL CALL

Alissa Kuzmich, Art Henderlong, Rose Murphy

Also present: Eryka Thorley, Trustee Dan Hoback

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda Approved

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes for August were approved. Minutes for September will be approved at the November meeting.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

public comment, none

Trustee Hoback

Trustee Hoback and Eryka Thorley attended the community solar co-op meeting. Attendees were also present from the surrounding towns.

The town is consolidating Sustainability and Oil/Gas departments into Environmental Services. It will be headed by David Franklin. This will happen on January 1, 2024.

Staff Report

Eryka informed us that the Solarize United Neighbors group is fully subscribed with 120 spots taken. 200 signed up. The others are on the waiting list. There will be a RFP issued soon to choose an installation company. This effort is for rooftop solar, not solar fields.

The town is also working on a Sustainable Purchase Policy and in EV procurement policy. They are researching the possibility of having an outside company match vehicles with needs. Fort Collins has a strong sustainability policy. They are also working with Lotus Consulting. Approximately 10-15% of purchases come from government procurements.

She and others are working on the updated Sustainability Master Plan. Now there are some actual metrics from 2021 that have measured actual emissions. For example, now we know that 90% of new landfill deposits come from other communities.

There is an opportunity for citizens to become Zero Waste Champions. A page on the website links to opportunities to volunteer as well as training opportunities with Ecocycle.

She estimates that there were 5000 people at the Erie Air Show. In the future we need people to volunteer to monitor waste/recycle/compost stations.

There are opportunities for the Eco-leader program. It offers a series of videos about recycling. All training can be done virtually. [<https://ecocycle.org/get-involved/volunteer/>]

Other Items

FALL CLEAN UP EVENT

Art and Alissa were there. Art noted that it would have been good to have a map with locations for each type of recycling. Traffic didn't flow as well as it could have. Alissa noted that there needs to

better signage for entrance and exit. In the morning there were long lines. There was confusion about mattress recycling. The first few received were to be free with fee for recycling after that. People thought all mattresses were to be recycled for free. There were 20 mattresses recycled for free and a total of 38 recycled. Art suggested that next year the clean up event be held before the free dump days. It was noted that the town does not have control and cannot set dates for the Front Range Landfill. Eryka suggested that the landfill days might be at a reduced fee and not free. This might discourage waste. 800-1000 residents used the free landfill days. It was suggested that next year we add tire recycling. Also, more publicity is needed. Alissa suggested that next year we have more volunteers at entrance and laminated signs. The map of the cleanup site could be posted on the social media sites. Xcel Energy was there. Xcel is sending 550 more LED light kits to Erie.

Elevate Erie

A SAB representative is needed for the Elevate Erie Group. Ben had been doing it. Art was selected as representative with Rose as alternate.

Ecotober Fest

This is a joint event with other municipalities to be held at the Louisville Community Park from 2-6. Eryka will be there with tent, table and fliers. Kaycee will be doing a recycling/sorting activity with children.

BOO On Briggs Street

This event will be in Old Town on October 28th. There will be EV vehicles on Briggs Street.

Budget Brainstorm

So far, we have only used \$4000 for Ecocycle to provide work with schools. Our budget was \$13,000. There is \$8542.00 remaining to spend. Trustee Hoback suggested that we use some of the money for the trucks necessary for the leaf composting event. Other suggestions included funding a shed to store SAB items. Eryka will look at Tuff shed pricing. Art noted that Niwot uses some money to donate to clubs that have volunteers monitor waste/compost/recycle at events. This might be a good way to get more community members, especially youth, involved with all things sustainable. Money could also be used for "Engine Off Erie" signs to be posted at school driveways. It was noted that signs could be mounted on city property. The Boulder and Saint Vrain school districts would need to be involved if signage was to be donated to them. There is also the cost of the installation labor to be considered. In town signage could be placed at parks, community center and town hall. It was recommended that a brief educational article about the Engines Off Erie campaign be posted in the parents' newsletters before placing signage at schools. Alissa volunteered to contact the schools and cc Eryka.

Leaf Composting Event

Art met with the Tree Board. The site will be closed due to the ongoing Lagoon construction from October 2-20. The Google site indicates that it is open. Access will be needed on November 18. Eryka noted that a purchase order has been issued for an elevated walkway at the 40-yard dumpster. There will also be a 20-yard dumpster that is more ADA accessible. Eryka will connect with Gabby about volunteer sign up.

RCAB and City of Westminster

Westminster would like to have collaboration for the citizens advisory board for our communities. RCAB is the Resource Conservation Advisory Board. Trustee Hoback is on it. There are lots of meetings with representatives of various sustainability committees. The Westminster group is part of it. Alissa will reach out to them. It was noted that whenever 2 or more board member meet, the meeting must be advertised, and minutes must be taken.

In Person or Continued Zoom Meetings for the SAB

It was decided to continue meeting on Zoom. The desire to get to know each other better was expressed. Eryka noted that we could plan a social event every 6 months at which no business would be discussed.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned 8:16 pm.

Next regular meeting – November 1, 2023, at 6:30