



# **TOWN OF ERIE**

645 Holbrook Street  
Erie, CO 80516

## **Meeting Agenda - Final**

### **Sustainability Advisory Board**

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January 6, 2021 / 5:45 PM

Erie Town Hall – Community Room

#### **1. Call to Order**

- 5:45pm

#### **2. Roll Call**

- Adam, Rose, Monali, JP, Tom, Anna, Berenice
- Mike McGill, Tyler, Christiaan,

#### **3. Approval of Agenda for January 6, 2020 meeting - confirmed**

#### **4. Approval of Minutes from December 2, 2020 regular meeting**

#### **5. Public Comment**

#### **6. Member Reports**

- Communications Update (Berenice)
  - Any comments on the water stuff for Berenice by Jan11th
  - Shoutout for the SAB in the ToE newsletter

#### **7. Trustee Liaison Report (Christiaan)**

- Goal to get started on the composting work
- CDPHE(?) proposal
- Town of Lyons is also looking into composting

- Adam and Rose will work with Christiaan on composting

## 8. Staff Report

- Progress on Sustainability Master Plan (Tyler and Berenice)
- Job posted for the Water Conservation Technician and Communications Director
- Working on contracting

- Another dropbox for cardboard recycling
- Employees don't have a shed
- Nice infographic ready for leaf composting
- Christiaan: What is the possibility for glass-only recycling?

1 Great idea. Tyler will look into it.

- Boulder county composting is on pause right now. Waiting for building quotes and ironing out other details.

## 9. Old Business

- BoT presentation: how did it go?
  - It was great!
- Earth Month: January – Water Conservation
  - Review boards thoughts on new water plans
  - JP: can average resident (not part of HoA) can install a smart water meter?
    - Tyler: yes, they need to get in the queue. Town needs to spend some resources, so takes time.
- Earth Month
  - Topic for February: Xeriscaping
    - Xeriscaping – as people start thinking about gardening, would be a good topic to cover

- HoA and covenants may pose hindrance
- Promote Garden in a box
- Pollinator gardens are good
- Town doesn't have any guidance
- Anna put together some resources for her videos for her video
- Should revisit water conservation
- FAQs put together by the town on water conservation:

<https://www.erieco.gov/Faq.aspx?QID=283>

- **Need to address transportation as people get back to work**
  - We can leverage that in spring (March or April)
  - Think about other modes of transportation such as carpooling

## 10. New Business

- Landscaping water use and billing options
  - Study session scheduled for Jan 13<sup>th</sup>
- Mike McGill presentation on pesticide use in Erie (mmcgill@erieco.gov 303-901-4655)
  - Big goal for 2020 was pesticide usage. It is getting a lot of traction. Goal to get ahead with pesticide use. Currently there are organizations against use of Roundup and 24D (?). They are very effective. Mike has reached out to several manufacturers to find alternatives. Mike has a list of alternatives and will be doing trials on them. Meeting with Louisville Open Space team to find out what they're doing. Talking with Boulder as well. Mike's team is gathering data and talking with chemical manufacturers to find solutions.
  - What does SAB think about pesticide use? SAB master plan has a goal to reduce chemical use. SAB could help spread the word and educate the community about pesticide use.
  - City of Arcata had a program for reducing pesticide use in 2004. Would be a good resource for ideas:
 

<https://www.cityofarcata.org/DocumentCenter/View/1338/Pesticide-Reduction-Plan-PDF?bidId=>

- Beyond Pesticides:  
<https://beyondpesticides.org/dailynewsblog/2016/07/malibu-ca-city-council-unanimously-votes-ban-pesticides-public-property/>

- **Agenda for next month: pesticide use**
- Pollinator garden would be a good discussion point
- <https://www.keepitcleanpartnership.org/pollution-prevention/lawn-garden-tips/>
- CSU Master gardener program has a soil testing program:  
<http://www.soiltestinglab.colostate.edu/>
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- **Community garden update from Tom**

- Tom is starting a document for roles and responsibilities to get input from the team
- What role should SAB play in community gardens?
  - 1 Adam: we should be involved in programs related to food sustainability and water conservation.
  - 2 Education and outreach
  - 3 Delegate and monitor: friendly competition between HoAs (who gets a community garden started first)
  - 4 Be inspirational
  - 5 Provide guidance and supporting documentation on creating a community garden (eg what are the costs involved)

- **Discussion on current ordinance:**

- How do we go beyond the advising and become more action-oriented?
  - 1 Ordinance 3.5: Have a youth member on the Board. Still keep 7 members, but one must be youth. Recommendation to the BoT to have a youth on the Board.
  - 2 Christiaan: Difficult to have someone under the age of 18 to be on the Board. He will find out from the legal team. **(Agenda item for next month to follow-up)**
  - 3 Anne: maybe a youth liaison?

- Youth groups around sustainability

11. Adjourned: 7:18pm