



TOWN OF ERIE

645 Holbrook Street
Erie, CO 80516

Meeting Minutes Sustainability Advisory Board

Date: December 1, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

Called to order at 6:47

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Tom Doyle, Amy Clark, Alissa Kuzmich, Caleb Norder, Berenice Garcia Tellez, Rose Murphy. Excused absence James Manza. Also present: Christiaan van Woundenberg, Tyler Kessler

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Tom moved that the agenda be approved. 2nd by Caleb. Agenda approved.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bernice moved that the minutes be approved, 2nd by Caleb. Minutes approved.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

6. GUEST SPEAKERS

Matt with GoEV Cities gave a power point presentation. Currently there are 9 cities committed to the goals of electric transportation and a reduction of emissions by 25%. The state goal is an increase to 940,000 electric vehicles. There are now about 40,000. Additional goals of city fleets being all electric. Excel is working to provide incentives to move to electric vehicles.

Implementation tools:

- EV ready building codes
- Public EV charging stations
- EV education
- Dealership engagement
- Incentives and perks
- Equitable carbon free
- Taxes on Uber, Lyft and delivery services

Anna motioned to vote to recommend that Erie become a GoEV City. 2nd by Caleb. Motion approved.

7. MEMBER REPORTS

Energy Sector. The town is working on floating solar panels on the waste treatment plant. These are projected to produce enough electricity to power the waste treatment plant. The plant uses the most electricity of any municipal entity.

There is work being done on the energy action plan for residential solar. This may work in Boulder County where Excel is the electricity provider. It may not work in Weld County where United Power is the provider. Sara Kaye of Partners in Energy spoke on the energy action plan. Partners in Energy has made significant steps in the last 18 months including the launching of 2 web sites.

A consideration for old town is working with homeowners to get them tied into wind source. Old town has

many trees. These don't make solar as good an option as wind for carbon free electricity. Other options to get homeowner engagement in moving to non-carbon sourced energy are NextDoor and participating in HOA board meetings.

Community Outreach. There are currently 3 HOA's that are now Green Certified HOA's. Christiaan noted that both Amber and Gabby on the town staff might be able to help with surveys.

Compost, Waste and Recycling. Ryan Call of Ecocycle spoke on moving towards the goal of being a zero-waste community. Erie is now accepting yard waste at it's recycle facility. Currently, 70% of materials end up in the land fil. The goal is to reduce that to 50% by 2026.

Kyoko Okada is currently employed by the town to gather statistical data on waste. She has knocked on doors to get a personal level of waste vs recycle and compost generation by households.

During the past year there have been booths or tables set up at 10 events to educate people on waste, recycling and composting. Approximately 800 people visited the tables and talked to the volunteers.

The Hometown Weekly has published articles on food waste and leaf composting.

Many of the informational fliers and brochures have been translated into Spanish.

There have been more efforts on paint collection. It is currently the #1 hazardous material in Colorado.

Ryan talked about the Eco Leader program to train people about 1) reduce/reuse, 2) recycle right, 3) compost.

Emily Adrid has worked for the town since June as the Sustainability data analyst. Sher is working on a sustainability dashboard. Gathering accurate data on water use and efficiency is also her responsibility.

8. TRUSTEE LIAISON REPORTS

In the interest of time Christiaan deferred his report until the December meeting.

9. STAFF REPORTS

Tyler is working on the Universal Zero Waste document. The end product may be affected by the status of the town as statutory or home rule.

10. OLD BUSINESS

Old business was covered in the committee reports.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Anna motioned to combine the Arbor Day and Earth Day activities into one event. 2nd by Caleb. Motion passed.

Planning for the event will need participants from the Tree Board and SAB. A person from the SAB will need to head the planning and coordination with the Tree board. Brian O'Connor will be the contact for the Tree Board.

Solar Days activities were discussed.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:18