

SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD

SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order 5:50
2. Present: Tom Doyle, Anna Clark, JP, Tyler, Christiaan, Allissa, Caleb
Guest speakers, Alberto de la Rios, Sara Martin. Excused absent,
Berenice Garciatellez
3. Agenda approved
4. Minutes of August 4th meeting, proposed approval by Tom, 2nd by Anna,
Approved
5. Public Comment, no public comment
6. Introductions of newest members Allissa and Caleb.

Guest speaker Alberto de la Rios explained his role on the town staff. His focus is to improve the diversity, equity and inclusion for the town of Erie. He explained the importance of and intertwining of social and environmental sustainability and social justice.

Sara Martin is with Partners in Energy. She came to listen and learn what our board does and how it relates with Partners in Energy. See New Business for her presentation.

7. Member Reports

Tom is moving the board to focus on the top three priorities as identified by the Sustainability Master Plan. They are:

- Energy use sector

- Education and Outreach Sector

- Waste, recycling, and composting sector

Each of us should choose one of the three and report monthly.

8. Trustee Liaison Report

Christiaan reported on the tour of Jack's solar garden and the possibilities for Erie to work on agrivoltaics in combination with subscription-based community gardens.

He is excited to work with Partners in Energy.

The town has installed air quality monitoring stations. They are currently being calibrated and should be operational soon. Data will be available to the public. They will measure volatile compounds, weather and particulate matter. They are working on a system to send text messages if air quality is bad enough to pose health risks. They are also hoping to combine with nearby communities both to share data and share costs.

9. Staff Report, Tyler

In the interest of holding to our time schedule he will send out monthly report.

10. Old business

Leaf composting event

Tom will coordinate with Patti on the Tree Board.

Anna is creating a "sign up genius" on-line sign up for volunteers.

Dates are November 6th and 14th. Groups of 4 volunteers will be needed for the morning and afternoon shifts each day. This year the town will also be recycling pumpkins.

Berenice will work on flier.

Jack's Solar garden does not want the leaves this year. Eco-cycle will be used.

People will unload their own leaves and be encouraged to either take their bags home and reuse or volunteers will dry them and take them to be recycled.

There will need to be a separate meeting, including a representative of the Tree Board and the town to do the final coordinating.

Tyler suggested that while advertising is helpful word of mouth is best.

Anna reported on the presentation to the Board of Trustees. She noted that 1) the SAB needs to engage more with the Trustees and the other boards. 2) there needs to be more coordinated overlap between the boards.

11. New Business

Sarah Martin provided a presentation about Partners in Energy and its relation to the Town of Erie. There are two areas of special focus for Partners in Energy and Town of Erie. They are Green Energy and Green buildings and HOA's. Good next steps are to identify 1-2 energy activity opportunities and determine energy used by department. Partners in Energy can offer project management skills and other resources. There will be a final work session on September 3rd. Tyler noted that the goals of the Sustainability Advisory Board mesh nicely with those of Partners in Energy.

Tom reminded us that the purpose of the Sustainability Advisory Board is to advise the Trustees. Tom will write up a more specific proposal of the goals of each two member team.

Fall Clean up is September 11th. Anna will work on hand-outs about recycling and promote the leaf/pumpkin event in November. She'll recruit volunteers while working and the clean up event. She noted that the Sustainability Advisory Board banner is still missing and requested that the Town get another one made.

12. Meeting adjourned 7:15