



TOWN OF ERIE

645 Holbrook Street
Erie, CO 80516

Meeting Minutes Sustainability Advisory Board

Wednesday 9/7/2022

5:45 PM VIA ZOOM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 5:45

1. ROLL CALL

Ben Hemphill, Alissa Kuzmich, Art Henderlong, Rose Murphy, Caleb Norder
Also, Tyler Kesler, Dan Hoback

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda Approved

3. APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES

August minutes approved

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

Public comment, none

Trustee Report

Dan reported that the trustees were in favor of what this board is doing.

Biannual Report

The report is to be presented to the Board of Trustees on September 13th at 6:30. Alissa went through the Power Point presentation that she had created. The purpose of the report is to inform the Bot of what the SAB has done and is planning to and is organized to address the 2019 Sustainability Master Plan. It is organized into energy, transportation, Waste/recycle/compost, and education and outreach. Among the goals are that 25% of commercial properties and 20% of residential properties would be powered by individual or community solar by 2025. The first Erie EV event was held in October of 2021. It gave residents a chance to explore electric vehicles without sales pitches. The SAB also participated in Earth/Arbor Day and the leaf/pumpkin recycling event. The Boo on Briggs is October 23, 3-7 and will include an educational event, "Don't be spooked by EV range"

Dan noted that there are now 2 new transportation specialists on Town staff.

The Fall Clean Up event is September 10.

The SAB will assist the Tree Board for the leaf composting event

The town has adopted a zero-waste event policy. Trash, recycle, and compost collection bins will be provided at all special events

The town in encouraging HOA's and non-HOA governed neighborhoods to adopt a single hauler contract for waste and recycle. This will cut down on air pollution and road wear in neighborhoods. There will be a study session on October 18th.

It was noted that Diane Ernst has been hired as the Sustainability Specialist for the town.

The town has continued with its Garden in a Box program designed to help residents plant vegetation that is compatible with our dry climate.

The town's Turf Replacement program went very well. The rebate money ran out before all applicants could be compensated.

Biscuit Day is September 17th. We could have a table there I if we have volunteers.

Brew Fest is October 1st. We could assist in educating people at the trash, compost, recycle bins.

The EV Ride and Drive Event is planned for October 23 from 3-7 and will allow residents to talk to owners of EV's. Does this require a Special Event application?

The Leaf Composting Event will be November 12th and 20th. Art is working on logistics and plans to arrange for 8 cars to unload at once. This should help the traffic flow. A special event permit will be required. Art also suggests creating and distributing a 5 ½" x 8 ½" (half sheet) recycling and composting guide. Event will be advertised in the normal media, Erie website, FB, and others. Tyler will contact Clementine, the composting company.

Earth/Arbor Day event will be in the new part pavilion next Spring. This will allow for more space and EV charging. Vendors will also have more space.

Art motioned to combine efforts for the April Earth /Arbor Day with the Tree Board. 2nd by Ben. Motion carried.

Art motioned to purchase a "feather flag" for events. 2nd by Ben. Motion carried.

Tyler talked about the efforts to increase renewable energy use in Old Town. Xcel Energy is working with the town on this. Old town properties have many large trees. Rooftop solar is not practical for many properties. There are options to subscribe to renewable energy through Xcel. This option would provide renewable energy from other sources through the existing grid.

Tyler noted that RTD is working on public engagement on the Regional Transportation Electrification Plan. He noted that these meeting are generally in the daytime.

Current priorities based on the Sustainability Master Plan were discussed. Rose suggested more interaction with HOA's. Perhaps starting with something simple and tangible like encouraging residents to use reusable shopping bags rather than single use plastic bags. Caleb wants to see more community outreach and public engagement. We should do more to get more people involved. He would also like to see more intentional engagement with those in their 20's and younger. He would like to see the high schools involved in the anti-idling campaign. There are already several organizations in Erie High who could be helping such as the National Honor Society, The Green Team, and the Environmental Science classes. Caleb will reach out to contacts.

Town watering was discussed. Dylan King is reaching out to residents with high water bills. Ben asked if there is a map showing landscaped common areas that differentiates between those controlled by the town and those controlled by HOA's. The town should set the example. Tyler noted that the town has an updated drought plan and informative website. Ben asked if we need to be in official drought to push to conserve water? Tyler noted that the town coordinates with Northern Water since we buy water from them. Ben and Art volunteered to put together a meeting on water.

A note on Town codes. If the office of the Chair becomes vacant the Vice Chair is to become the chair. Ben is the new chair. Alissa was elected unanimously to become Vice Chair. Ben has informed the Town Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:20

NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE OCTOBER 5TH AT 5:45 VIA ZOOM.