

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 25, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: 6:35 pm

ROLL CALL:

Present

Chris Stimpson

Linda Allison

Jennifer Braun Paliszeski

Michael Fitch

Maria Rotunda

Nate Christianson

Jennifer Fugita

Paul Farquhar

Heather Otterstetter, Staff Liaison

Lindsey Emmons, Council Liaison

AGENDA APPROVAL:

A motion was made by **Linda**, seconded by **Jennifer BP**, to accept the meeting's agenda; the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by **Linda**, seconded by **Jennifer BP**, to accept the minutes of the September 27th meeting; the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment provided.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Actions arising from minutes of Sept meeting**

Chris has talked with Sarah Borgers, Interim Director of Public Works & Utilities, who says that her team has met with Vaisala recently on the subject of salt minimization in snow treatment and is in continuing conversations with them.

EAB and the Sustainability Office tabled at Westy Fest on October 21st, presenting on EV charging points, City sustainability and environmental programs and housing needs assessment.

- **Follow-up on Regional Board Outreach & Next Steps**

Bridger has sent an email to sustainability directors in neighboring communities looking for a way to combine and/or share strategies. The Boulder contact, for example, is researching the urban heat island effect. **Maria** has communicated with other boards with the intention of forming a task force.

- **Follow-up on School Environmental Projects**

Jennifer BP needs support in identifying all schools that could participate in environmental projects, e.g., that have environmental groups. **Maria, Linda** and **Jennifer F** agreed to share the task, once all schools are identified, of communicating with environmental groups on the subject. **Heather** proposed sharing a spreadsheet of schools with **Jennifer BP** at the next meeting.

ACTIONS: **Heather** will prepare a spreadsheet of schools with environmental groups for the November meeting, and **Chris, Maria, Linda** and **Jennifer F** will communicate with the schools. In preparation for the November meeting, **Chris** and **Jennifer BP** will work on messaging for these communications.

- **Waste No More/Universal Zero Waste Ordinance**

Chris reported on his observations on the Waste No More and Universal Zero Waste Ordinance movements. Waste No More is a citizens' ballot initiative from 2022 in Denver, requiring commercial, industrial and many high-density residential developments to institute composting and recycling at their locations. Boulder's Universal Zero Waste Ordinance requires all properties in Boulder to have waste services that provide separated compost, recycling and trash. **Chris** has also spoken with his own waste vendor, Waste Connections, on the subject. It is difficult to establish likely costs for homeowners and apartment dwellers for such programs.

ACTION: Paul will check on Northglenn's position on this subject.

ACTION: Chris will address City Council at the next meeting with information on composting/recycling with a view to encouraging council to investigate the subject.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Linda** has organized Honor the Land and Streams with the city. We will clean up the RTD Station Park on November 4th.
- EAB will organize a farewell dinner for **Chris** in early December.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Next Meeting: November 29th, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Secretary

The mission of the Environmental Advisory Board is to:

- Advise City Council and Staff on matters in the community pertaining to solid waste disposal, yard waste recycling, air quality enhancements, hazardous waste management; and storm water quality.
- Make recommendations to City Council and Staff regarding the development of city-wide community and/or neighborhood programs to address long range recycling and solid waste disposal issues; programs to address grass, tree limb, and leaf recycling; programs to address air quality enhancement such as ground-level ozone programs to address hazardous waste recycling and/or disposal and to educate the community and serve in an advisory capacity regarding storm water quality programs.
- Encourage citizen participation in community recycling efforts and promote public education on the environmental benefits of various community programs including curbside recycling, Christmas tree recycling, composting, ground level ozone action alerts, wood burning bans, and household hazardous waste disposal opportunities.
- Annual participation in community outreach programs such as the Earth Day/Arbor Day, Pride Day, school educational talks, and Westy Fest.