

## **Sustainable Futures Commission**

Draft Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 2/13/20

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Town Hall, Lyons

### **Attendees:**

Members: Dawn Weller, David Decoster, Julie Boyle, Dan Matsch, Jeff Christy

Sustainability Coordinator: Garrett McDaniel

Liaisons: Mark Browning, Board of Trustees

Guests: Rolf Hertenstein, Lynnly Kunz (GreenPeace)

1. Approved minutes from January 2020 SFC meeting; motion to approve by D. Weller, seconded by J. Christy; approved unanimously.
2. Sustainability Coordinator Update:
  - RTD meeting 2/20/20, 6:00 PM, Town Hall, to discuss Y route changes.
  - EV charging stations in town in need of some repairs; Regional Air Quality Council grant funding covers only new stations, not repairs.
  - Garden in a Box: sign up by 3/2/20, pick up June.
  - Yard waste chipping: county and Town funds totaling approximately \$8,000. Residents need to register for event, locations will be mapped out for pick-up plan. GM proposes June (after spring clean-up), and mid-fall events. ?Ask for competitive bids?
  - PAYT- GM has developed fact sheet and forwarded to Brandon, town attorney; will forward to SFC when he gets it back. Brandon is advising town not to publish a fact sheet. GM will try to get more clarity as to why.
  - MEAN- approved a resolution laying out a vision to a carbon neutral power resource portfolio by 2050. Sustainable Development Strategies Group (Gunnison) will be pushing MEAN to implement such portfolio much earlier; stay tuned.
  - Town moving forward with smart meters (AMI's) for water and electricity metering; will be very helpful in aggregating baseline info re: usage.
  - Spring cleanup day: GM prefers early May. Discussion re: dates and issues followed. Some members wondered re: need to push date to June. Issues identified include payment model, traffic flow, and resident ed. re: how to pack vehicle ahead of time to be most efficient.
3. Board/committee updates:
  - BOT:
    - Developer Tamburello expected to close on purchase of E. corridor property from TOL next week.
    - TOL has passed ordinance requiring businesses to purchase and implement sewer sampling ports, to determine origins of excessive input into wastewater treatment plant. Technical expertise will be required to size and choose right model of port. TOL will have low-interest loans to help businesses purchase ports.
    - UEB working on pre-treatment of BOD ordinance.

- CDPHE approved re-rating of wastewater treatment plant.
- TOL has approved \$ for filling potholes at recycling center, but there is mysterious delay.
- SFC vacancy- mayor requests SFC send documentation of vacancy to BOT. DM will get that to them.
- At next BOT meeting, they will consider options to tighten enforcement against dumping at recycle center.
- RCAB update:
  - Question of potential value of an IGA between all municipalities and county directing waste haulers doing business in town to haul compostable materials to the county compost facility. DM reports facility hopefully ready by 2022, located at highways 287 and 52, in a former orchard. Public input process just beginning.
- DRCOG meeting: GM attended. Discussion re: a regional “waste shed” (recycling and composting facility). In infancy: Denver/Boulder/Jeffco?
- Lyons Recorder staff has reached out to GM wondering re: possibility of quarterly boards/commissions updates. No volunteers so far!
- Green Peace report by Lynnly Kunz: GP foci this year are addressing plastics, and climate change. GP pushing major businesses in nation to utilize alternative packaging to plastic, as research showing 94% contamination rate of domestic water in country. GP also pushing bag ban initiatives. LK will share info with GM re: plastic container alternatives for restaurants.

4. Next meeting date, and agenda items:

- Next meeting 3/12/20.
- Discuss in detail spring cleanup day: subcommittee will report.
- PAYT: send any supportive statements to GM, and he'll direct appropriately.