

## **Sustainable Futures Commission**

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, Mar.10, 2022

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Lyons Regional Library & Remote via Zoom

**SFC members:** Dave Hatchimonji, Dan Matsch, Dawn Weller, Kara Bauman, David Decoster, Edward Kean

**BOT Liaison:** Mayor Nick Angelo

**Town:**

**February minutes** unanimously approved with one update to clarify that Edward Kean is the *interim* TOL rep to CC4CA. Mayor Nick Angelo will request that BOT approve Edward as ongoing rep.

**Building code discussion** – Agreement that SFC needs to review Lyons current and next 1-2 building code standards for consideration of recommending more current adoption. Topics to consider:

- What role does SFC have regarding building code review and recommended adoption level? Newer codes support energy efficiency, reduction of GHG, sustainability, future prep, etc., all issues of concern to SFC mission
- David H will contact Ron Flax, Boulder County Deputy Director of Building & Permits for background on the last several code levels and changes when moving to next higher level
- Mayor Angelo suggested that SFC review preliminary info and SFC discussion on code level updates with PCDC. With their review and input, take any recommendations to BOT

**PRC** chair, Yelena Hughes, SFC to join in planning some spring and summer events:

- Tree planting, trail maintenance, Town trash pickup, etc.
- Kara B & Dawn W will contact her and represent the SFC

To refine and align 2022 focus items, **SFC will hold a work session** on Tuesday, April 12

- From 6:30 to 8:30
- At Edward Kean residence (228 Welch Drive)
- new BOT members, Aaron Caplan (TOL Utility Director), and the public invited
- Items to be reviewed for SFC focus
  - Comprehensive plan (in process)
  - Building code considerations
  - LESAP (Lyons Environmental Sustainability Action Plan)
  - Any applicable actions in Ithaca Green New Deal Electrification plan that can be adapted for Lyons
- Dawn W will request that the meeting be noticed to the public and that the new BOT and Aaron Caplan be invited

Kara B provided the **Lyons Comprehensive Plan Framework** items; citizens and commissions are requested to review and provide input on the framework to comp plan team

***Guiding Principle 1: Protect our quality of life and celebrate what makes us unique***

- • Parks and Recreation
- • Historic Preservation
- • Arts and Culture
- • Education

***Guiding Principle 2: Build a thriving, year-round economy.***

- • Economic Development
- • Tourism

***Guiding Principle 3: Respect the beauty, complexity, and unpredictability of our natural environment***

- • Hazard Mitigation
- • Natural Environment

***Guiding Principle 4: Manage growth and nurture our small-town character***

- • Land Use and Built Environment
- • Transportation
- • Infrastructure and Services
- • Sustainability
  - Goal S-1: Implement ecologically sustainable, low-impact planning solutions in public and private development and land management.
  - Goal S-2: Support County and state efforts to expand the use of renewable energy and reduce reliance on fossil fuels.
  - Goal S-3: Maintain and protect the quality, supply, and reliability of the Town's water resources for current and future residents.
  - Goal S-4: Increase opportunities to divert waste from the landfill

***Guiding Principle 5: Provide support for all in an atmosphere of trust and cooperation***

- • Housing and Neighborhoods
- • Health and Wellness
- • Governance

**Mayor Angelo** reported that the BOT approved the rezoning to allow special use of a small portion of Bohn Park for the proposed solar farm

Dan Matsch, SFC chair, asked that members consider **how to structure the April work session** to enable the SFC to identify key focus and action items for 2022 and future years