

Environmental Advisory Board Meeting Minutes: March 27, 2024

Call to Order: 6:30 AM

Present:

Linda Allison
Jenni Braun Paliszkeski
Michael Fitch
Maria Rotunda
Paul Farquhar

Bridger Tomlin, City Staff Liaison
Jen Prehn, City Staff
John Palmer, Public

Approval of minutes and tonight's agenda: motion passed and approved

New Business:

Opening of Centralized Recycling Site: Jen presented update on the new Sustainability/ Recycle center via.

- Location is 91st and Harlan.
- First day of operation is Monday the April 22nd and open house is Friday Apr 26th 3pm to 6pm. Pricing for single stream items is free, \$4 for hard to recycle / reuse items (up to 10). Reuse items are items that cannot be recycled. Computers, cells phones, tablets free – monitors will have a per pound rate.
- Westminster Sustainability office (Bridger) wrote a grant for a box truck and educational/learning materials.
- Assessing composting availability for the site
- Looking for thoughts on educational opportunities to the community.
- EAB ask if we can help or volunteer – answer is yes, will get back to us with details and schedule.
- Highlighted that this facility will not take hazardous waste, but hard-to-recycle materials.

Old Business:

Regional Board Summit Debrief:

- Jen on the Regional meeting – one big topic was municipalities providing a single waste hauler for the community. Need was identified to provide education to the community on the benefits of a single company.
- Maria begins discussion on the need for communication with all groups, taking into consideration sunshine laws and IT support for any platform such as a Google drive.

- Discuss options on various ways to discuss/present the data / maybe have a municipal sustainability office or an EAB with a staff maintain the platform. Decide to have Bridger disseminate our data, Maria will coordinate with him and compile the notes.

YAP Meeting:

- Discuss that our planned meeting and presentation with the YAP will be delayed until the new year to meet with their new membership. Explain what the YAP is to citizen attendee John.

Revising EAB Mission Statement:

- Begin discussion on updating and revising the EAB mission statement. Right now, it reads more as a list of activities and less of a mission statement. Maybe align it more with the City Strategic Plan and/or the Sustainability Plan.
- Some discussion of the presentation by Boulder's EAB representative (Herman Villaneuva) to work with the city council study sessions and coordinate agendas. Suggest that Bridger can get the agendas for the Westy study sessions and see what is the main discussions that will be brought up at the City Council meetings. Looks like the agenda(s) may be on the Westminster web page.
- General consensus is for EAB to start looking at the study session agendas at our meetings to see how we can contribute or frame some of the discussions.

Great Global Clean Up:

- Nate reviews the preparation and set up for the Earth Day cleanup on the 20th. Is trying to confirm getting our previous location. He will update everyone letter and is planning on collecting the trash bags the week of. Check on who is available.
- Bring up the membership quota for the EAB, we should either have one more member or have a member in waiting.

Staff Updates:

Bridger updates group on actions the Westy Sustainability office is pursuing, working on a new grant application at the present time.