## ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 26, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:34 pm

# **ROLL CALL:**

Present Dave DeMott, Mayor Pro Tem

Chris Stimpson

Jennifer Fugita <u>Public</u>

Linda Allison Kerry Zuniga Jennifer Braun Paliszeski Anonymous

Michael Fitch

Paul Farquhar <u>Excused</u>

Paul Schmiechen, Staff Liaison Nathan Christianson

Maria Rotunda

## **AGENDA APPROVAL:**

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

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by **Jennifer P**, seconded by **Linda**, to accept the minutes of the March 29th meeting; the motion carried.

**<u>PUBLIC COMMENT:</u>** No public comment provided.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

# • New Member

**Paul Farquhar** was introduced and welcomed as a new member to the EAB. Paul is an environmental professional, having spent 36 years in disaster relief and hazmat occupations.

# **OLD BUSINESS**

## Great Global Cleanup

Since we had been unable to clean up Westminster Station Park on April 22nd due to snow, it was decided to reschedule the cleanup for 1pm-3pm on Sunday April 29th. **Linda** (for family members), **Chris**, **Paul**, and **Jennifer P** indicated their availability.

# • Discussion on possible event tabling and content

# **Opportunities**

There are several opportunities for tabling at city events this year, notably:

- Summer Block Party, June 2nd
- Movies in the Park, June 30th, July 14th and/or August 11th
- 4th of July Celebration, July 4th (!)
- Westy Fest, October 21st

**Paul S** noted that the Sustainability Office would be tabling at the EV Ride and Drive, Holiday lighting event and possibly Westy Fest. It was agreed that as many or most board members would have family events planned for 4th of July, this should not be included in the list. It was also agreed that our first event should be the Summer Block Party on June 2nd. **Jennifer P, Jennifer F** and **Chris** indicated they would be available for this event

## Content

**Paul S** showed members two of the cards Sustainable Westminster has produced to detail environmental tips, namely recycling, compost and trash services, and resources and opportunities for energy efficiency. It was thought that this information, perhaps reproduced on table graphics, would be a good way of communicating city and local services to event visitors. It was suggested that composting or water conservation would be good subjects for the Summer Block Party, June 2nd event. It might be possible to obtain some watering check discs for giveaways.

Possible enhancements: games (Chris will investigate)

raffle for LED kits (Paul S. to communicate with Excel,

**Jennifer P** to obtain raffle tickets)

# Discussion on schools presentations

**Mayor Pro Tem** felt that a program of schools presentations, as conceived by **Chris**, might stretch the resources and availability of board members. **Jennifer P** proposed that an alternative could be to have students in school sustainability clubs attend events with us and interact with the public in the context of the tabling content. This was agreed. **Jennifer P** undertook to communicate with schools in Westminster with this suggestion.

# **OTHER ANNNOUNCEMENTS**

## Videos on City Website

**Mayor Pro Tem** proposed that EAB could generate a series of short videos to be put up on the City of Westminster website to illustrate the content covered on the cards produced by Sustainable Westminster. He will check this concept with City Council.

#### Name Badges

**Paul S.** agreed to check with the City Clerk that name badges could be generated for all EAB members.

# ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm. Next Meeting: May 31st, 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.