

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 27, 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

Bridger Tomlin, Staff Liaison

AGENDA APPROVAL:

A motion was made by **Jennifer BP**, seconded by **Linda**, 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 August 30th meeting; the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment provided.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Presentation on snow plough salt economy device/system**

Jennifer BP introduced Adam Goldie of Vaisala, who gave a presentation on the company's system for matching the amount of salt dispersed by snow ploughs with existing conditions. Salt is usually overapplied and wasted, and much of it ends up in stormwater systems. The Vaisala system measures air and surface temperatures and the friction coefficient of road surfaces. The resultant needed rate of salt dispersal is given in real time and can be actuated by the driver or, with a fully automatic system, varied without driver intervention. In tests, some 40% of material savings were achieved. Fort Collins has used the system and expanded its use to most of its fleet.

ACTION: **Chris** will write to the Public Works Director to advise him of this presentation and the Vaisala system.

- **Collaboration initiative letter to Front Range environmental/sustainability boards/commissions**

Maria and **Linda** presented the draft letter reaching out to other boards in Front Range communities proposing regional dialogue and collaboration.

ACTION: Bridger will use the letter to link to other communities and sustainability directors in Front Range cities, including Denver.

- **Westy Fest tabling topics/themes**

The subject of Westy Fest themes was discussed. It was decided that themes could include a map showing EV charging station locations in the Westminster area and cards showing details of Westminster environmental/sustainable programs. Candy could also be provided for children.

ACTION: Bridger will develop graphics, lit. etc., for the booth.

ACTION: Chris will organize EAB staffing for the booth.

ACTION: Jennifer BP will supply the tent for the booth.

ACTION: Linda will supply a second table for the booth.

- **Environmental projects for schools**

ACTION: Jennifer BP will create list of schools for project.

ACTION: All should propose suitable subjects for project.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Bridger** is still reviewing skills and interests survey and EAB project alignment with city priorities.

STAFF REPORTS AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The date of January 24th has been set for an EAB member to address the Rotary Club on the subject of city environmental/sustainable programs.
- The next Honor the Land and Streams date is upcoming, but has incorrectly been shown on the city website as taking place on Saturday November 10 (November 10 is a Friday). Members were not comfortable with performing this work on November 11, it being Veterans' Day. All were content to clean up the same area as before—the RTD station park. **ACTION: Chris** will find out if the weekend before November 11 will be available for this activity as being preferable. He will also book the RTD station park.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Next Meeting: October 25th, 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.