

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 29, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: 6:35 pm

ROLL CALL:

Present

Members

Chris Stimpson

Linda Allison

Jennifer Braun Paliszeski

Michael Fitch

Maria Rotunda

Nate Christianson

Jennifer Fugita

Paul Farquhar

Staff

Bridger Tomlin, Staff Liaison,

Jen Prehn, Ops Mgr., City Manager's Office

Anjelica McMahan, City Staff

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 **Paul**, seconded by **Linda**, to accept the minutes of the October 25th meeting; the motion carried.

• Actions arising from minutes of Oct meeting

Chris has spoken with City Council on the Waste No More and Universal Zero Waste Ordinance movements. City Council has an interest in the subject and is pursuing it.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment provided.

NEW BUSINESS

• Staff presentation on updates for the centralized recycling site

Jen Prehn and Anjelica McMahan presented an update on the search for a centralized recycling site. At present the city has four unstaffed sites which are somewhat abused by users. There are health and safety hazards and contamination, leading to neighboring

residents' complaints, and only common recycling is accepted. The city pays for daily cleanup services.

The plan for the new facility is to partner with SustainAbility to operate a centralized facility at 91st Ave. and Harlan Street. This would allow for a mix of common recycling and hard-to-recycle items as well as reusable items. There will also be an element of education and outreach to keep residents informed of the functioning of the facility. No hazardous waste would be accepted, but there might be a dropoff point for composting. There would be no charge for common recycling.

The plan is for the proposal to be approved by City Council in mid-December and to be in operation in March-April 2024.

It was decided to present a letter of support to City Council during the Dec 18th council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Follow-up on School Environmental Projects**

Jennifer BP presented a spreadsheet listing all schools in Westminster that could be approached for connection with any environmental/sustainability groups. The general feeling was that we would divide up the list and approach the schools, firstly to identify the right contact person in each school and secondly to interest environmental/sustainability groups in helping EAB and/or the City in appropriate projects. These could include art projects and cleanups.

- It was decided that there will be a farewell dinner for Chris at Rosita's on December 5th at 7pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next Meeting: January 31st, 2024, 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.