



Sustainability Office

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Boulder County Resource Conservation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – October 25, 2017

Present:

Darla Arians – Boulder County
Russ Callas – At-Large
Jack DeBell – CU Recycling (phone)
Michael Donovan – At-Large
Chris Hanson – Town of Superior
Brandon Hill – Center for ReSource Conservation
Bryce Isaacson – Western Disposal
Bridget Johnson – Town of Jamestown
Suzanne Jones – Eco-Cycle
Shari Malloy – At-Large
Lisa Morzel – City of Boulder
Roger Pacheco – Republic Services
Chris Pelletier – Town of Nederland
Mark Persichetti – City of Louisville
Tim Plass – At-Large
Stephanie Walton – City of Lafayette
Chris Pelletier – Town of Nederland

Ken Wilson – At Large

Active Members Not Present:

Shirley Garcia – City & County of Broomfield
Charles Kamenides – City of Longmont
Dan Matsch – Town of Lyons

RCAB Staff Liaison:

Tyler Kesler – Commissioners' Office/Sustainability
Leigh Ratterman – Commissioners' Office/Sustainability

Guests:

Andrea Doukakis – City of Boulder Resident
Chris Gallagher – LID Landscapes
Lisa Knoblauch – City of Longmont Sustainability Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Co-Chair Tim Plass called the meeting to order at 4:49 pm. Brandon Hill, Center for ReSource Conservation is officially in a voting capacity for Neal Lurie, Center for ReSource Conservation.

2. Approval of September 27, 2017 Minutes

Suzanne Jones motioned for approval and Stephanie Walton seconded; unanimous vote approved.

3. Community Updates

- **Boulder County Resource Conservation Division** – RCD will host an America Recycles Day event from 5:30-8:30 pm on November 15th at the Boulder County Recycling Center. Contact krddy@bouldercounty.org for more information.
- **Boulder County Sustainability Office** – Leigh Ratterman is putting together a Zero Waste Gathering for members on advisory boards, city, and county staff. This will take place November 14th and RCAB members will be receiving an invitation. Partners for a Clean Environment (PACE) will be offering tours of the recycling center for business owners and employees throughout Boulder County. This initiative has been very popular.
- **Center for ReSource Conservation** – CRC will be hosting a fundraiser on Nov. 15th called Heroes & Hope fundraiser.

- **Eco-Cycle** – Eco-Cycle is creating new outreach material to educate about new recycling center guidelines, which should be ready by the end of November. This will be followed by training for the public.
- **Jamestown** – Is still working on the bridge from the flood. They were awarded a grant to fund community picnic tables (in the shape of an anvil) in the middle of the park.
- **Lafayette** – Waste Reduction Advisory committee just began hosting a three-part movie series. Plastic Ocean was the first movie and the second will be November 16th. The city's Waste Reduction Advisory Committee (WRAC) had an off-site retreat to spend some time brainstorming actions and recommendations to take to the City Council in 2018, including zero waste and GHG reduction goals. In 2018 a study will be done to create a map on how to reach their goals. The City of Lafayette will partner with TerraCycle to find out if businesses are interested in diverting additional hard-to-recycle materials.
- **Louisville** – requested info from each municipality who has hosted a hazardous materials, or hard-to-recycle collection event. Mark will follow up with those who offered information.
- **Superior** – McCaslin Blvd's traffic circle is finally open. Monday night's board meeting accepted and adopted the International Energy Conservation Code. Energy efficiency will be a new focus of the Recycling and Conservation Advisory Committee for 2018 and moving forward.
- **Republic Services** – Republic has rolled out a mail-back program for hard to recycle/hazardous electronic waste. Homeowners receive a certificate for everything that has been recycled as well as any hard drives that have been erased. They will bring advertising for this program to the next RCAB meeting.

4. Food Waste Subcommittee grant proposal:

RREO Grant Proposal: This subcommittee has been actively meeting and it has grown to include other governmental staff members, Boulder Valley School District, Community Food Share, nonprofits, as well as local chefs. The group is planning a Food Waste Awareness week, which will take place April 16-22, 2018. [Save the Food](#) campaign provides open-source collateral that this subcommittee will use. They are aiming for a number of campaign elements, including a proclamation by each municipality in Boulder County. This subcommittee is proposing submitting an RREO Grant through CDPHE to design a logo and brand, and outreach materials, including a cookbook featuring recipes that creatively use leftovers and ugly foods. The subcommittee asks for support from RCAB when the grant is submitted by Boulder County. Currently there are no other existing food waste awareness weeks throughout the nation so Boulder County is looking to lead this charge and this campaign to be replicated by other cities and counties. A motion to support this campaign was called by Shari Malloy and seconded by Chris Pelletier. The vote was unanimously supported by all present RCAB members.

5. 2017 Zero Waste Funding Updates:

2018 funding is live and a request for RCAB members to advertise this funding was made. In 2017, 22 applicants applied and the more people that apply for funding, the better the case that this popular program should receive additional funding. See slides (Leigh).

6. RCAB 2017 Subcommittees report-outs:

- Composting Subcommittee – committee did not meet this month. The CSU Carbon Sequestration study has been extended so there will be more to report at the next meeting in November/December.
- Food Waste – see above #4 for announcements.
- Zero Waste Action Plan & Zero Waste Policies Groups – This committee will be presenting a tool at the next RCAB meeting that shows all of the Zero Waste Action Goals for each community and provides a scorecard to compare each community. This tool will inform the Zero Waste Action Plan update, as well as where certain gaps might be in each community.

7. End of year planning:

Next meeting is November 29th and a December meeting will be cancelled. The 2018 RCAB Retreat will have a focus for how to better define clear and actionable goals for the sub-committees to work on.

Adjournment: Tim Plass called the meeting to a close at 5:50 pm