



Sustainability Office

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Boulder County Resource Conservation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – April 26, 2017

Present:

Bryce Isaacson – Western Disposal
Bridget Johnson –Town of Jamestown
Suzanne Jones – Eco-Cycle
Charles Kamenides – City of Longmont
Neal Lurie – Center for ReSource
Conservation
Shari Malloy – At-Large
Lisa Morzel – City of Boulder (phone)
Roger Pacheco – Republic Services
Mark Persichetti – City of Louisville
Tim Plass – At-Large
Ken Wilson – At Large
Holly Hughes – Town of Ward

Active Members Not Present:

Darla Arians – Boulder County
Russ Callas – At-Large
Jack DeBell – CU Recycling (phone)
Michael Donovan – At-Large
Shirley Garcia – City & County of Broomfield
Dan Matsch – Town of Lyons
Chris Pelletier – Town of Nederland
Stephanie Walton – City of Lafayette

RCAB Staff Liaison:

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

Guests:

Jamie Harkins – City of Boulder
Lisa Knoblauch – City of Longmont
Matt LeBeau – City of Lafayette
Cody Lillstrom – Boulder County RCD

1. Call to Order

Chair Charles Kamenides called the meeting to order at 4:50 pm

2. Approval of February 22, 2017 Minutes

Suzanne Jones motioned for approval & Tim Plass seconded.

3. Community Updates

- **Center for ReSource Conservation** – Sale of reused lumber has increased with new de-nailing efforts. ReSource is looking for volunteers for de-nailing days this summer.
- **City of Boulder** –Universal Zero Waste Ordinance education continues. One third of the businesses have been worked with so far throughout the City of Boulder. The city is working on an online management system where residents can report possible violations throughout the City.
- **City of Lafayette** – Waste Reduction Advisory Committee is looking at the best ways to incentivize recycling and composting. The Lafayette Green Business Program has begun

working with businesses on food waste initiatives through EPA's food waste program "Food Recovery Challenge".

- **City of Longmont** – Curbside organics compost was launched on April 3rd with about 3,200 customers currently and about 100/week are joining the program. 1,100 customers have switched from 96 to 48 gallon and to every other week. Online system "ReCollect" reminds customers which days each are collected. Waste sort characterization will be happening in the fall to find out how clean the compost and waste streams are.
- **City of Louisville** – Sustainability specialist position PTE being hired and work through the end of the year. Primary task will be to develop a two-year Sustainability Action Plan. This position will report directly to the City Manager and work with all departments. They expect to know who the hire is in the next three weeks.
- **Colorado Association of Recycling** – State bill to require reporting from landfills and recycling centers going through the House and Senate.
- **Eco-Cycle** – Is now accepting plate glass for recycling.
- **Town of Jamestown** – The town held a Bear Awareness meeting with over 50 participants who learned about keeping bears safe, including backyard composting.

4. Special Topic: Response to SMME suggestions: Lisa Knoblauch

Longmont Sustainability Coordinator, Lisa Knoblauch, presented on waste diversion and how it relates to social justice issues. Boulder County is looking to continue being a leader in sustainability, equity and social justice, and should look to include these values in the SMME. The value added of social equity with disposal is an important aspect that is not currently highlighted in the plan.

5. Special Topic: RCAB Bylaws Review: Leigh Ratterman

In 2014 RCAB looked at bylaw changes and approved changes, however, no the official record was not updated, perhaps due to changeover of staff liaison at the time of this change. RCAB could either accept changes now or vote at our next meeting. RCAB requests that we add the bylaw language removal or addition to future agenda items. RCAB requests that we research old notes from 2014 to see what was voted to be taken away and/or added. Discussion tabled for now.

6. RCAB 2017 Goals and Projects

2017 goals and projects were listed and subcommittees were assigned:

- Food and Waste – The subcommittee narrowed their focus to expiration/use-by dates and crop cultivation/food donation.
- ZWAP – Short-term goals are set for 2020 (determine zero waste funding mechanism(s) and commercial is to expand programs knowing what is being done and who is doing it); Long-term goals be extended to 2023-2025
- Policies – big picture view for what national, state-wide and local policies are currently in place to find what works best for Boulder County. Next steps are to find out what each community has an appetite for if the County passes some sort of policy.

- Compost Facility – Review of what the county had done before (2014 Matrix, and 2015 study). Community-based local initiatives of composting were explored including isolated mountain communities.

7. Boulder County Comp Plan SMME

A final version is getting close to approval. Does RCAB want to review the plan one more time before approval or several more times? RCAB would like to make amendments another time at the next RCAB Meeting.

Adjournment: Charles Kamenides called the meeting to a close at 6:06 pm