



Sustainability Office

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Boulder County Resource Conservation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – Sept. 25, 2019

Present:

Tim Plass – At-Large (Vice-chair)
Brandon Hill – Resource Central (phone)
Bryce Isaacson – Western Disposal
Stephanie Walton – City of Lafayette
Mark Persichetti – City of Louisville
Suzanne Jones – Eco-Cycle
Eric Smith – At Large
David Snapp – At Large (CDPHE)
Ken Wilson – At Large
Darla Arians – Boulder County
Bridget Johnson – Town of Jamestown (phone)
Alisha Stewart – Town of Erie
Caitlyn Stafford – Town of Superior
Dan Matsch – Town of Lyons
Chris Pelletier – Town of Nederland
Lisa Speermont – At Large (phone)

Active Members Not Present:

Bart Spedon – Republic Services
Jack DeBell – CU Recycling
Russ Callas – At-Large
Sam Weaver – City of Boulder
Lesa Julian – City of Broomfield
Charles Kamenides – City of Longmont (Chair)

RCAB Staff Liaison:

Tim Broderick – Commissioners' Office/Sustainability
Deandra Croissant – Commissioners' Office/Sustainability (sub for Tyler Kesler)

Guests:

Kevin Afflerbaugh – Western Disposal
Grace Hutchinson – MENV CU Boulder

1. Call to Order

Tim Plass called the meeting to order at 4:49 p.m.

2. Approval of July 24, 2019 Minutes

Tim Plass asked if the August Minutes could be approved. Darla Arians requested a change, noting Kevin Afflerbaugh should be listed as a guest not a member. From there, August Minutes were approved; Bryce Isaacson motioned, Alisha Stewart seconded, following by a unanimous RCAB approval.

3. Community Updates & Public Comment

Lafayette – Stephanie Walton expressed Lafayette's Art Night Out is now finished for the season, with an overall diversion rate of 87% for six nights. They are also accepting applications for their Sustainability Plan Steering Committee.

Louisville – Mark Persichetti stated their new waste contract has begun and all is running smoothly, with no complaints thus far. Before the contract started there were concerns with how they would deal with tree branches. Decisions have been made that they will be stored at one of the city sites until the end of October, and then take it all over to A1 as bugs should not be an issue then. Also, the Sustainability Board is working with staff members to do an update of the Sustainability Plan, with emphasis on

reducing energy usage. Louisville just finished up Friday Night Street Fair, and diversion numbers will be available next month.

Lyons – Dan Matsch reported that Lyons had a single-hauler RFP contract out and received two responses, from Western Disposal and One Way Trash. Interviews were held on Monday, and next step is to review proposal and send recommendations and Sustainability Action Plan to the Board of Trustees.

- **At Large** – David Snapp told the group that the Division of Market Sustainability announced in-market grants targeting closed loop systems and infrastructure. There will be two phases, each with \$1.5 million available. Ken Wilson attended the Food Waste Panel on Friday at CU. He noted attendance was good but it was mainly students. The metrics from the Food Waste Awareness Week have not yet been received.
- **Eco-Cycle** – Suzanne Jones announced a Zero Waste Event at E-town on Wednesday, October 16; tickets are \$20. It will be an open house event featuring a series of two-minute presentations on different topics such as the circular economy, carbon sequestration, urban sequestration, and individual choices for zero waste lifestyles. Two zero waste bills (out of four draft bills) will be brought forward to the next legislative session by the Zero Waste Interim Committee. Suzanne believes many of the issues will be relevant to RCAB.
- **Resource Conservation Division** - Darla Arians explained there has been an extension on the deadline to apply for the 2020 Zero Waste funding until Oct. 11. In addition, the National Hazardous Materials Management Association (NAHMMA) hosted their national conference in Denver in September that RCD sponsored as a Zero Waste event. This was the first NAHMMA Zero Waste conference, featuring paperless brochures via a NAHMMA app. Three employees from the RCD team received a Local Hero Award from the national NAHMMA board.
- **Superior** – Caitlyn Stafford updated the group on their first Fall Leaf collection event in which they partnered with the Girl Scouts and provided compostable leaf bags.
- **Resource Central** – Brandon Hill explained that they are working out how to deal with nail lumber. Last week they started a grant funded pilot with Blue Star Recyclers, that will be going on until the end of Nov. This involved a team pulling nails out of lumber to get it ready for reuse. Will be assessed to see how sustainable it is long-term.
- **Nederland** – Chris Pelletier told the group that Nederland approved an ordinance for Zero Waste at special events. In the past, Nederland has not had success with Zero Waste practices at events so this is big news. In addition, the Sustainability Advisory Board submitted a request to fund a Sustainability Coordinator. They hope to partner with Lyon's Sustainability Coordinator 50/50 to work on some light goals.

4. C&D/ Compost Phase II Study Update

- Tim Plass suggested the C&D Study get moved up on the agenda, so the discussion could end with holiday party plans.
- Tim Broderick reintroduced the project for those who were new in the room, summarizing that the study is a site analysis for viable C&D and compost locations, including what processes would occur at each site (e.g. transfer, processing).

- Tim Plass added that one of the reasons this is viable is because it is coming out of the Sustainability Tax funds.
- Tim Broderick went over the three sites and updated the group on their status:
 - St. Vrain
 - You cannot have a compost facility located within 550 yards from the FAA runway because of issues with birds. This is considered a fatal flaw and the site will no longer be looked at.
 - Old Longmont Landfill
 - Comes with high risk and potentially high development cost because it would be sited on an old dump.
 - Would need to conduct a full feasibility, and there would still be risk of gas leaks and collapse/settling.
 - Would have to put 60 caissons 150 ft deep and build out a concrete pad, and still that would not guarantee that gas would not escape.
 - Old Rainbow Nursery
 - Locale is ideal (centered in the middle of the county in the centroid of the C&D and compost activities, with great access for municipalities and users of these facilities).
 - The special review process is the biggest hurdle to overcome, but it is not insurmountable as the land use code allows for compost processing and C&D transfer at this site
 - The BOCC will have to ultimately decide if they want to approve this.
 - C&D processing would require a land use code change, which would be very challenging at this site
- Tim B. reiterated that RCAB are key informants to the decision makers, acting as external stakeholders and representatives of the municipalities to make sure there are no fatal flaws as the reports come out. Also, the kickoff meeting, the final meeting, and anything with RCAB is public.
- RRS is presenting in Oct. at RCAB and other representatives from municipalities and interested parties are encouraged to attend.
- Tim B. also clarified that the numbers in the study could shift drastically and it is still a draft but wanted to send it out so people could see it has been requested.
- Stephanie asked if other communities could use this as a blueprint, and Tim B. suggested that every community has a different DNA and so their picture is probably a little different.
- Next steps: Oct. 2. Internal draft of presentation to BOCC; Oct. 9 Presentation by RRS to BOCC; Oct. meeting debrief with RCAB and RRS.
- The ideal situation is that RCAB is satisfied with the general recommendation.

5. Annual Social – 2nd or 3rd week of December at Left Hand Brewing

- Tim B. explained Charlie Kamenides researched places to hold the event that would be free of cost, and Left Hand Brewing was a good venue.
- They also offered to do a sustainability tour of the facilities.
- The group decided that they did not have a preference - either the second or third week of December would work.
- It will be on the same day that RCAB is usually held.

6. **Adjournment:** Tim Plass adjourned the meeting at 5:51 p.m.