Boulder County Resource Conservation Advisory Board Meeting
Minutes – March 24th, 2021

Board Members Present:
Eric Loof (representing Bryce Isaacson) – Western Disposal
Darla Arians – Boulder County
Brandon Hill (representing Neal Lurie) – Resource Central
Bridget Johnson – Jamestown
Charles Kamenides – Longmont (Chair)
Dan Matsch - Lyons
Mark Persichetti - Louisville
Tim Plass – At Large (vice chair)
Mircalla Wozniak – At Large
Suzanne Jones – Eco Cycle
Eric Smith – At Large
Jamie Harkins (representing Stephanie Walton) – City of Lafayette

Deandra Croissant – Boulder County/ OSCAR

Guests:
Susie Hidalgo-Fahring – Longmont Council Member
Tim Towndrow – Republic Services
Mathew Hannam – community member
Nancy Davis – community member
Alyssa Vogan – Sustainability Analyst Town of Superior
Betty Williams – community member
Jeffrey Davis – community member
Lisa Skumatz – community member
Lesa Julian – City and County of Broomfield
Laurenz Busch – writer with yellow scene magazine
Jeff Unger – community member

Board Members not Present:
Alisha Stewart – Town of Erie
David Snapp – At Large (CDPHE)
Jack DeBell – CU Recycling
Chris Pelletier – Town of Nederland
Adam Swetlick – City of Boulder
Russ Callas – At Large
Caitlyn Stafford – Town of Superior

RCAB Staff Liaison:
Tim Broderick – Boulder County/ OSCAR

1. Call to Order / Introductions
Charlie Kamenides called the meeting to order at 4:48 p.m. Charlie acknowledged the mass shooting in Boulder and RCAB took a moment to respectfully reflect upon the lives lost. Charlie reviewed the in-meeting January retreat and the need for further discussion of next steps.

2. Approval of Minutes January 27th, 2021
Charlie Kamenides asked if the January 27th minutes could be approved. Tim Plass moved to approve, and Suzanne Jones seconded the motion, followed by unanimous RCAB approval.

3. Equity Discussion
Charlie Kamenides discussed how can we learn about the equity processes and potentially incorporate them into RCAB. Charlie met with equity brokers since the retreat. He learned through his conversation that it would be best to first discuss with the board and make sure RCAB is ready to take on that challenge before any experts are brought in. Charlie stated that equity is not a onetime lesson and is something that will have to be addressed ongoing. Ideally 3-5 board members would take part in an equity subcommittee. Volunteers: Bridgette Johnson, Alyssa Vogan, and Eric Smith. Tim Plass asked for clarity on what a commitment to equity means. Charlie responded and said based off conversations with equity brokers that introspection and challenging one’s practices is what a commitment to equity means. Council member Susie Hidalgo-Fahring offered her expertise to the subcommittee and RCAB from 30 years of professional and personal experience in equity work.

4. May RCAB Election + Open Seat
Charlie announced that the Chair and Vice Chair positions are open for election in May. It was encouraged that board members consider applying for the seat.

5. Community Updates
   - **Alyssa** – The Superior board recently accepted sustainability goals by their Advisory Committee. Apart of these recommendations is a waste goal is to increase waste diversion by 2025.
   - **Darla Arians** – The 2020 Boulder County operational review for the Boulder County Recycling Center will be presented to the Resource Conservation Advisory Board in April.
   - **Suzanne Jones** – Plastic Pollution Reduction Act has made its way out of the Energy and Environment Committee and is going to be heard by the Finance Committee soon. The bill bans single use plastic bags, food grade polystyrene, and lifts the preemption that prevents local governments from banning plastics.
   - **Eric Loof** – Positive shout out to Boulder County Recycling Center for access during the snowstorm.
   - **Brandon Hill** – Construction on the expansion of Resource Central at 6400 Arapahoe is under way. This expansion will increase capacity and storage throughout the year.
   - **Eric Smith** – No Update
   - **Bridgette Johnson** – No update
   - **Dan Matsch** – Lyons Sustainable Futures Commission is working on an innovative solar project. Lyons is still planning for an annual spring cleanup but not until the Fall in 2021. Lyons will host on May 1st a wildfire preparedness day.
   - **Mark** – In April Louisville is going to be having a one-day collection event for electronics and plastic bags. Louisville staff is also proceeding with plan to implement their bag tax in 2022.
   - **Tim Towndrow** – No update
   - **Mircalla** – No update
   - **Charlie Kamenides** – Charlie thanked Boulder County Resource Conservation, Western Disposal, and the Front Range Landfill for being open. Longmont is proceeding forward with analyzing zero waste ordinances, hard to recycle
events, and will evaluate enhancing school outreach and education for recycling.

- **Jamie Harkins** – Lafayette hired a new sustainability coordinator. This position will not be the official new representative to RCAB but will be attending meetings in the future.

- **Tim Broderick** – Boulder County posted a public statement on the compost facility March 24, 2021 announcing the removal of Rainbow Tree Nursery site from consideration or the development of the compost facility.

6. **Adjourn** Charlie Kamenides adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.