



Resource Conservation Advisory Committee (RCAB)

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Boulder County Resource Conservation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – August 25, 2021

Board Members Present:

Dan Matsch - Lyons
Mark Persichetti - Louisville
Tim Plass – At Large (Vice-Chair)
Mircalla Wozniak – At Large
Jamie Harkins – City of Lafayette
Tim Towndrow – Republic Services
David Snapp – At Large (CDPHE)
Alyssa Vogan – Sustainability Analyst Town of Superior
Suzanne Jones – Eco Cycle
Brandon Hill – Resource Central

Board Members not Present:

Charles Kamenides – Longmont (Chair)
Russ Callas – At Large
Chris Pelletier – Town of Nederland
Sara Loflin – Town of Erie
Darla Arians – Boulder County
Bridget Johnson – Jamestown

Eric Loof – Western Disposal

Adam Swetlick – City of Boulder

Eric Smith – At Large

Vacant – Town of Ward

Vacant – CU Recycling

RCAB Staff Liaison:

Tim Broderick – Boulder County/OSCAR
Deandra Croissant – Boulder County/ OSCAR

Guests:

Laura Levesque – Project Lead, Eco-Cycle
Susie Hidalgo-Fahring – City Council Member, City of Longmont
Tyler Kesler – Sustainability and Water Specialist, Town of Erie

1. Call to Order / Introductions

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

2. Approval of Minutes July 28, 2021

Tim Plass asked if the July 28th minutes could be approved. Mark Persichetti noted one edit, from there Mark motioned to approve as amended, David Snapp seconded, followed by a unanimous RCAB approval (with the exception of Brandon Hill who abstained as he was not present at the July 28 meeting).

3. Equity Subcommittee – Training and Introduction – Susie Hidalgo Fahring Presentation

Susie Hidalgo Fahring presented information on the Equity Subcommittee topic, opening with a video titled "[Equity and Equality](#)". The Equity Subcommittee team members are Charlie Kamenides, Darla Arians, Susie Hidalgo-Fahring, and Sara Loflin. The goal is to connect as a subcommittee and also share learnings and discuss in the larger RCAB group. RCAB members then discussed how they are integrating equity into their own work and communities. Tim Broderick shared that the Office of Sustainability, Climate Action and Resilience (OSCAR) is consistently engaging in diversity, equity, and inclusion training to create a foundation for how to examine our programs and execute these strategies. Additionally, staffing is expanding to give the time and energy that is needed

for relationship building across the county with underserved and underrepresented communities, especially with our Cultural Broker Liaison, Alejandro Murillo. He also noted we could discuss how to increase equity in our Zero Waste Grants. Suzanne Jones shared that Eco-Cycle is making sure their materials are accessible and also targeted to underserved neighborhoods, as well as getting those voices heard in the legislature. David Snapp at CDPHE is increasing communications about permitting processes and where zero waste facilities are located to increase awareness and participation. Susie Hidalgo-Fahring does a lot of outreach with the Latinx community by going to those communities via places like Spanish mass. Tim Plass noted he thinks it is important to identify the metrics we want to track, re-visit our vision documents, and access to our programs.

4. Update on P3 Subcommittee – Eric Smith to Present

Eric Smith was not in attendance, so this agenda item was moved to next month.

5. Sustainability Tax and Infrastructure Subcommittee Update

Suzanne Jones explained the committee has not been meeting recently and there are some hurdles having the meeting hosted on Microsoft Teams. She would like to see this meeting more streamlined. Tim Broderick is happy to support to create doodle polls to help coordinate meetings and set up the Microsoft Team meeting. The Sustainability Tax budget was just put forward to the Boulder County Commissioners, and Tim is waiting to hear on approval. He also noticed that zero waste is still about 25% of the overall Sustainability Tax budget, which is the largest wedge of all S Tax funding areas.

6. Statewide Policy Update – Dan Matsch

Representative Lisa Cutter hosted a great meeting with the policy committee that included three representatives and two senators. The policy committee continues to get more aggressive on the timetable in putting bills together. Bill writing typically happens in November. This meeting was to prioritize bill topics that they have been discussing over the Spring and Summer and to get feedback from the representatives and senators that were present. The focus is on an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) bill. Timing seems to be right and there are a few states that now have interesting EPR laws. What materials to focus on is still very much a question, as well as if there is a role here for local government. There is an assumption that there is a requirement to get to some percentage of post-consumer recycled content included as well as discussion if a bottle bill is appropriate.

7. Community Updates

- **Brandon Hill** – Resource Central is well underway with the construction project. Just reopened their newly renovated warehouse a week ago. Moving forward with building the structure over their outside yard and encouraged RCAB to get the word out and come see the project.
- **Alyssa Vogan** – The town has started their first ever Sustainability Plan development process. Alyssa is spearheading this process with Superior's Advisory Committee for Environmental Sustainability. There will be a chapter on zero waste with strategies both for the municipality and the larger community.

- **Mark Persichetti** – Several months ago Louisville’s city council started a racial equity and inclusion task force that will run through November of this year and will keep RCAB updated with key takeaways.
- **Jamie Harkins** – Lafayette is in the process of developing an RFP for their residential services. Anticipating releasing that in mid-November. Also instituting a hauler licensing program that will be required in November with data submission. City of Boulder is working on plans to expand CHaRM pick-ups in low-income areas of Boulder, as the first one was very successful.
- **Suzanne Jones** – Eco-Cycle is turning 45 this year so they are having a celebration. Congressman Neguse and Representative Cutter are guest speakers. Eco-Cycle got chosen to do the front line’s waste diversion baseline data and have a contract with FWRD. Suzanne also noted that Longmont received the RREO grant and will get 1000 new compost bins (announcing as Charlie Kamenides is not here tonight).
- **Tim Broderick** – The Public Work’s Zero Waste Strategic Advisor position has been filled by Noah Eisenman. Tim also provided an update on Boulder County’s Pollution Reduced Packaging Pilot. Tim and Dede held a webinar with their partner Naturally Boulder with over 60 attendees and received 31 applications to participate in the pilot. Those who are chosen for the pilot will have one year to transition to new packaging and then Boulder County will report on the life cycle results.
- **Tyler Kesler** – Providing an update on the Town of Erie on behalf of Sara Loflin. Working closely with Eco-Cycle via the FWRD grant Erie was awarded. Engaged the community to see what curbside options they would like and preparing some policy options for a board meeting study session on October 19th. Also simultaneously doing upgrades on the recycling center and doing a hard-to-recycle event on September 11th, landfill week is September 11th-18th, and doing a leaf composting with pumpkin and permanent yard waste collection at their facility in November, and finally holiday compost tree event in December.
- **Dan Matsch** – Lyons lost funding for their Sustainability Coordinator out of their town budget a year ago. Their town administrator did find a staffer who had extra time to help them a bit, but it won’t fulfill all needs of the Sustainability Action Plan.

8. Adjourn Tim Plass adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.