

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 26, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: 6:37 pm

ROLL CALL:

Present

Chris Stimpson

Bridger Tomlin, Staff Liaison

Linda Allison

Dave deMott, Council representative

Jennifer Braun Paliszeski

Michael Fitch

Excused:

Jennifer Fugita

Maria Rotunda

Paul Farquhar

Nate Christianson

AGENDA APPROVAL:

A motion was made by **Jennifer BP**, seconded by **Linda**, to accept the meeting's agenda; the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by **Linda**, seconded by **Jennifer BP**, to accept the minutes of the June 28th meeting; the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment provided.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Federal and State Tax Credits and Rebates**

The upcoming slate of federal and state rebates and tax credits, first mentioned by **Maria**, was discussed. It was thought that, although these will not be in force until next year, Westy Fest might be a good juncture at which to alert residents to these benefits. It might also be appropriate to present a summation of all the city sustainability programs at this event, perhaps with blow-ups of the QR code cards.

- **Planning for Aug 11 Movies in the Park**

Chris proposed focusing on reducing disposables and replacing them with reusables.

Jennifer BP thought it would attract more people to the booth if this were presented in a format which engaged children to participate. This is an avenue we will investigate.

Chris thought the Eco-cycle guides to recycling would make good prizes for such a

format.¹ The area’s community solar program has registered some 1800 subscribers (275 in Westminster alone), and might also be a good fit. Also, since the deadline for HOAs to apply for the Neighborhood Sustainability Services Program is August 25, this should be included.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Update on Neighborhood Sustainability Services Program**
The Neighborhood Sustainability Services Program (NSSP) was discussed. **Bridger** showed the pages on the city website that covered this subject. What is most needed are contact names for city HOAs and community leaders in non-HOAs. **Mayor ProTem DeMott** mentioned that Countryside had a resident organization (not an HoA) that might help with this. Other possibilities could be Mayor McNally for Sheridan Green, Jim Voelz for Hyland Green and Anita Seitz for Stratford Lakes.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Linda** reported that she had sounded Paul Schmiechen on our offer of a retirement gift/ luncheon or dinner and had not heard back.
- **Chris** reported that he had been invited to address the Rotary Club on the City’s sustainability efforts. It was thought that this could be a good way of discovering community leaders in City neighborhoods for purposes of expanding the Neighborhood Sustainability Services Program.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

Next Meeting: August 30th, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Secretary

¹ Subsequently, Chris learned that Eco-Cycle has delayed revising and reprinting this guide.

The mission of the Environmental Advisory Board is to:

- Advise City Council and Staff on matters in the community pertaining to solid waste disposal, yard waste recycling, air quality enhancements, hazardous waste management; and storm water quality.
- Make recommendations to City Council and Staff regarding the development of city-wide community and/or neighborhood programs to address long range recycling and solid waste disposal issues; programs to address grass, tree limb, and leaf recycling; programs to address air quality enhancement such as ground-level ozone programs to address hazardous waste recycling and/or disposal and to educate the community and serve in an advisory capacity regarding storm water quality programs.
- Encourage citizen participation in community recycling efforts and promote public education on the environmental benefits of various community programs including curbside recycling, Christmas tree recycling, composting, ground level ozone action alerts, wood burning bans, and household hazardous waste disposal opportunities.
- Annual participation in community outreach programs such as the Earth Day/Arbor Day, Pride Day, school educational talks, and Westy Fest.