

# MINUTES

October 13, 2020

## ENERGY SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This meeting was conducted by electronic and telephonic means in order to protect the public health and safety according to a Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency issued by the Mayor of the City of Lafayette on March 17, 2020; and the City of Lafayette [Resolution No. 2020-23](#), extending the Mayor's declaration until terminated by Council.

6:30 PM

### I. OPENING OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

- A. Call to Order – 6:33 p.m.
- B. Roll Call – Zack Rogers, Guy Higgins, Dawn Mancini Moyer, Neal Kruis, Emily Miller, Tom Hardie, Tony Raeker (Staff Liaison), Kady Doelling (Deputy City Administrator), Chelsea Behanna (Council Liaison), Melody Redburn (Brendle Group), David LuVollo (public), Greg Ching (public), and Jeff Koppel (public)
- C. Approval of Minutes – Emily motioned to approve the minutes. Second by Neal and passed unanimously.

II. PUBLIC INPUT – David LuVollo, Greg Ching, and Jeff Koppel all described their backgrounds and why they are interested in joining LESAC.

III. STAFF LIAISON UPDATE – Tony went over the building code update, efforts on outreach for the Sustainability Plan, and pay-as-you-throw expansion ordinance.

IV. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATE – NA

### V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Sustainability Plan – The committee reviewed the Sustainability Plan at a Glance document. The list below summarizes comments on each section or strategy.
  - Overall goals – The committee would like to eventually see stronger links to other sustainability elements, such as water and transportation. They also requested an appendix at the end of the document referencing elements for future addition.
  - Plan timing – The committee felt that timing of the plan should be on five-year cycles to match the cycles of GHG inventories. Staff and Brendle Group will change the timing accordingly.
  - *Strategy EN1 Expand energy efficiency services to underserved residents* – OK as is.
  - *EN2 Continue collaboration with Colorado Communities for Climate Action (CC4CA) on statewide climate policy and legislation* – The committee would like to see stronger representation of Lafayette's specific goals and needs.
  - *EN3 Increase availability of, access to, and participation in community solar* – The committee requested a cost and policy comparison of community solar with Xcel's Wind Source program and Renewable Connect.
  - *EN4 Conduct preliminary scoping for a commercial energy benchmarking program* – OK as is.
  - *EN5 Promote energy efficiency practices in rental properties through data sharing, education, and financing options* – The committee requested the addition of renewable energy to this strategy.
  - *EN6 Update and report community wide greenhouse gas inventory every five years* – The committee supported keeping this at five years to sync it with Plan updates.
  - *EN7 Advance energy efficiency and renewable energy at municipal facilities* – The committee discussed installing solar at more City facilities and implementing a requirement that City buildings meet a minimum green standard.
  - *WR1 Collaborate with Boulder County partners to identify and address gaps in commercial waste systems* – OK as is.

- *WR2 Develop tactics to reduce single-use plastics* – OK as is.
- *WR3 Incorporate waste reduction and sustainability considerations into all municipal plans and processes* – OK as is.
- *WR4 Conduct an education and outreach campaign for waste reduction and diversion across all sectors* – The committee supported this strategy but also recommended increasing the frequency of compost and recycling pick-up.
- *WR5 Develop a construction and demolition waste program* – The committee requested staff also explore establishing a construction resource yard similar to the one in Boulder.
- *WR6 Adopt a community wide recycling and composting ordinance* – The committee recommended recycling and compost containers at all City parks and facilities. Tony will contact other regional jurisdictions to inquire about their experiences with contamination and collection issues.
- *Green Building and Healthy Building general* – The committee would like to see the City consider performance-based green building standards for all new construction.
- *GHB1 Establish and share a green and healthy building resource library* – Tony can begin compiling these resources soon without any issues. The committee would also like the City to consider a green construction guide.
- *GHB2 Establish healthy building recognition for local green businesses* – OK as is, though the committee noted that imagined this would be mostly WELL Building and FitWel.
- *GHB3 Develop and implement policies for rental properties that improve health and building performance* – OK as is.
- *GHB4 Measure and improve indoor environmental quality in municipal facilities* – OK as is.
- *GHB5 Integrate additional performance measures into community building benchmarking efforts for municipal, commercial and multifamily properties (e.g. water, waste, transportation, etc.)* – OK as is.
- *Compiling comments* – The committee asked what was the best way to relay the committee’s collective comments. Tony noted that since the committee is an advisory body to Council, the comments should be compiled and submitted to Council. Tony will compile comments and distribute back to members for confirmation. The committee, however, is also completely free to provide individual comments on Lafayette-Listens as well.

B. LESAC applicants – The committee discussed the three applicants and recommended to Council the approval of Greg Ching as full member and David LuVollo as an alternate member with a motion from Zack, a second from Neal, and passed unanimously.

C. Boulder County Sustainability Matching Grant – The committee discussed several possible options for the 2021 grant. The committee accepted WRAC’s proposal for 25% to match PACE rebates for waste, 25% for other PACE rebates, and the remainder determined by LESAC. The committee said they will defer to Tony to work with PACE on exact rebate amounts and categories. Neal motioned to recommend allotting \$15,000 of the grant budget to a GHG inventory, and the remaining \$6,189 to development of a neighborhood sustainability program similar to Lakewood and Fort Collins. There as a second from Zack and passed unanimously.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Green Business Program – Tom noted that recognition at Council went well. Tony stated that follow-up newsflashes are with the Communications team now and should go out soon.

**VII. ADJOURN – 9:24** Neal motioned to adjourn with a second by Zack. Passed unanimously.

Attest

City of Lafayette, Colorado

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Tony Raeker

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Lafayette Energy Sustainability Advisory Committee

Staff Liaison

Zack Rogers, Chair