



Lafayette Energy Sustainability Advisory Committee

January 12, 2021
Minutes

Call to Order: by Chair Rogers at 6:35 PM.

Attendance: Zack Rogers, Tom Hardie, Neal Kruis, Robb Menzies, Kady Doelling (Interim Staff Liaison), Melissa Hisel (Library Director), Chelsea Behanna (Council Liaison).

Minutes: The November 10, 2020 minutes were approved unanimously by a motion from Robb Menzies, second by Neal Kruis.

Public Comment: None.

Council Liaison Update: None.

Staff Update: Deputy City Administrator Doelling provided an update on the following:

- Director Hisel will be serving an interim staff liaison while Deputy Doelling is out on leave February – April.
- Recruitment process for the Sustainability Coordinator – position opened January 7 and closes January 24. Staff have received over 50 applications to date. Staff are hoping to have WRAC and LESAC representation in the process and hire in March/April.
- Sustainability Plan – consulting firm received feedback from LESAC in October and have integrated that into the plan. Internal staff group met in December to review the plan and provide final feedback. The consultant will be back to present the “95%” draft plan to LESAC at the February meeting, seeking their support. City Council will be presented the plan at the February 22 work session.
- Council will hear LESAC recommendation for the two board appointments on January 19.

New Business

A. 2021 Boulder County Sustainability Matching Grant

The approved grant application was distributed to the committee by email ahead of the meeting; will be under the purview of the new Sustainability Coordinator. Projects include:

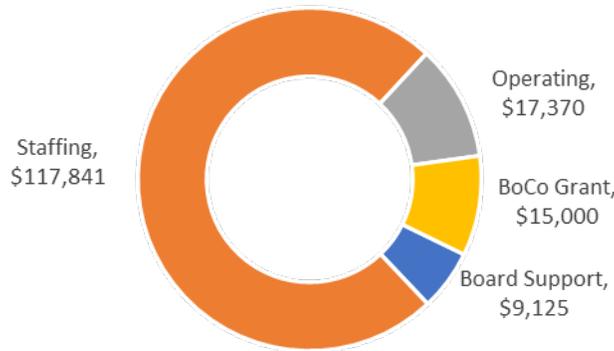
- a. Greenhouse Gas Inventory – The greenhouse gas inventory was last done in 2015 and the City will contract with an environmental consulting firm to complete the inventory. The resulting inventory will be used to support the strategies in the Sustainability Plan and help monitor progress.
- b. Enhanced Support for Business Sustainability – The City will provide enhanced sustainability rebates and incentives provided by Boulder County Partners for a Clean Environment (PACE) to Lafayette businesses. COVID-19 and corresponding economic impacts have had a tremendous impact on many businesses, particularly small businesses. Sustainability has fallen in priority for many of the businesses despite a desire to do the right thing. Augmented rebates will help put some of these measures back into the realm of the possible.

- c. Neighborhood Sustainability Program Exploration – Lafayette would like to begin exploring the development of a neighborhood sustainability program. Other cities in the region, such as Lakewood and Fort Collins, have created programs to encourage neighborhood groups to compete with other neighborhoods in adopting or implementing sustainability measures.

B. 2021 Sustainability Budget

The 2021 Sustainability Budget is just under \$160,000 for 2021. The majority of that budget is for a full time Sustainability Coordinator and a part-time/intern. Board support is divided roughly evenly between LESAC and WRAC and the BoCo Grant is the City’s matching portion of this annual grant (\$9,000 needed in 2021). Not shown below but also related to the role of the Sustainability Coordinator is the management of the Waste Management contract, which is just over \$2 million annually. LESAC has desire to receive regular financial updates, especially related to the BoCo grant.

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C. Upcoming LESAC Vacancies

- Terms for Neal Kruse, Robb Menzies, and Emily Miller will expire in March; Neal is planning to re-apply, Robb is not.
- Expiration of alternate member’s term is unclear; staff to investigate.
- Staff will research procedure for nominating chair and will be scheduled at next meeting.

D. LESAC Committee Meeting Structure

- Attendees discussed a desire for meetings to be more interactive, more engaging, and reflect better collaboration with the Sustainability Coordinator.
- Additional discussion about the role of the LESAC committee

Old Business

None.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 by a unanimous vote with a motion by Robb Menzies and a second by Zach Rogers.

Attest

City of Lafayette, Colorado

Kady Doelling
Interim Staff Liaison

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Zack Rogers, Chair