



## Lafayette Waste Reduction Advisory Committee Meeting

February 4, 2021  
Minutes

**Call to Order :** by Chair LeBeau at 6:37PM

**Attendance :** Matt Le Beau, Adam Gianola, Becky O'Brien, Rebecca Tyer, Kathy Wertz, David Fridland, Jenny Dingman, Jenny Steel, Staff Liaison Melissa Hisel, Council Liaison Tonya Briggs

Absent: Josh Brown, Kali Diamond

**Minutes:** The January 7, 2021 minutes were approved unanimously by a motion from Tyer, second by Fridland.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Council/RCAB Update:** Councilor Briggs had forwarded an email to the group via Staff Liaison Hisel from a community member exploring the possibility of an Earth Day event. Council is working on the Comprehensive Plan and the Sustainability Plan. The contract for a multimodal transportation plan was approved at the February 2, 2021 council meeting. The group discussed how their workplans in the past have been event heavy and discussion has moved to creating a guide to creating zero waste events rather than the WRAC group taking on the work of making existing events zero waste as WRAC was created to advise council on waste reduction strategies not to be event planners. The group recommended that the interested party first reach out to the Open Space division to inquire about the possibility of planning an event. WRAC may be interested in hosting an information booth at events of this type or sharing information with their list of potential volunteers. If they wished they could participate in public comment at the March meeting. Becky they should connect with open space too.

### **Staff Update**

Acting Deputy City Administrator Hisel provided an update on the following items: The Recruitment process for the Sustainability Coordinator - the position closed January 24, more than 100 applicants. Initial interviews the week of February 8 and panel interviews on Feb 22 & 26. Rebecca Tyer volunteered to serve as the representative for WRAC on the interview panels.

The kick-off meeting for the 2021 Boulder County grants will be postponed until the new Sustainability Coordinator is hired, likely in early April.

## **New Business**

### Sustainability Plan Discussion & Feedback

Melody Reburn of Brendle group was present to answer questions and receive feedback on the 95% draft Sustainability Plan which will be presented to City Council at a workshop on February 22, 2021. Redburn reported that while the Plan is not inclusive of all areas of sustainability, she will document topics that are not included in this plan for potential inclusion in future iterations of the Plan.

Items mentioned included organic waste, electrification of the City's fleet of vehicles, consumption (supply chain) based emissions, commercial composting, green building code adoption, and impacts of future federal legislation which might change or impact the plan.

Redburn indicated Lafayette's plan is in line with Colorado which is aggressive. She will let the City know if she sees relevant grant funding and or infrastructure changes that we should be aware of.

Liaison Hisel shared that the upcoming multi-modal transportation plan should address sustainability issues around transportation and can be incorporated into future iterations of the Sustainability Plan. Updates to the Sustainability Plan will occur approximately every 5 years.

Members pointed out that some strategies unlisted in the plan are already occurring or will soon be occurring and should be incorporated such as incentives for businesses—already happening this year.

Recycle Colorado was suggested as an additional partner organization for the support and implementation resources portion of the Plan.

WRAC supports the sustainability plan although final comments on the plan can be submitted to liaison Hisel by February 12, 2021.

### **Committee vacancies (Becky/Matt)**

Liaison Hisel will review the bylaws and records to determine how many upcoming vacancies are on the commission. Chair Le Beau will reach out to committee member Diamond who has missed the past two meetings. Le Beau intends to reapply when his term expires.

### **Other business: Recycle Colorado 2021 membership**

Discussion of purchasing a Recycle Colorado membership.

O'Brien moves to join Recycle Colorado as a \$350 annual community partner membership. Gianola seconds. Unanimous in favor of the membership.

## Old Business

- Waste diversion grant; Fridland asked about feedback on solid waste. Discussion of whether there is a need for outdoor public recycling bins which are common in Denver. Can the City adopt the 3-cart system for City facilities?
- A RCAB grant shared by email from Council Liaison Briggs was discussed. LeBeau will conduct an informal inventory of trash/recycling cans for the public in parks.
- Food waste recovery; Dingman is the new point person for this project. Volunteers are collecting food three times a week and could use more volunteers.
- The Next and final sustainable film series will be held February 24 -participants can register online for a link to the access the film

Other business: Wertz indicated an HOA representative indicated some confusion about the PAYT ordinance. Discussion of whether haulers will be willing to get the City license, and the importance of outreach to haulers in addition to HOAs.

Tyer indicated the importance of WRAC being aware of the timeline for the Pay-as-you-throw (PAYT) program. Gianola expressed the generous window of time (3 years) for HOAs to join.

**Meeting Adjourned** at by a unanimous vote with a motion by Tyer and a second by Gianola. Unanimous.

Attest

City of Lafayette, Colorado

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Melissa Hisel  
Interim Staff Liaison

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Matt Le Beau, Chair