



Lafayette Energy Sustainability Advisory Committee

February 9, 2021
Minutes

Call to Order: by Chair Rogers at 6:32 PM.

Attendance: Zack Rogers, Tom Hardie, Neal Kruis, Robb Menzies, Emily Miller, Dawn Mancini Moyer, Guy Higgins, David LoVullo, Jeff Koppel, Melissa Hisel (Interim Staff Liaison), Melody Redburn (Brendle Group)

Minutes: The January 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: Acting Deputy City Administrator Hisel provided an update on the following:

- Hisel will be serving an interim staff liaison while Deputy Doelling is out on leave February – April.
- Recruitment process for the Sustainability Coordinator – initial interviews with ten candidates occurred earlier in the day. Staff are hoping to have WRAC and LESAC representation for panel interviews on February 22 and 26. Moyer volunteered to sit on interviews on the 26th, LoVullo will check his schedule and see if he is available both days, Hardie is available as a backup. Liaison Hisel will coordinate scheduling.
- EV/PV Ordinance – staff presented draft regulations and council had questions about equity and feedback from the development community. Hisel will share links to the minutes/recording of the presentation.
- Boulder County Grant kick-off meeting will occur in early April in alignment with the onboarding on the new Sustainability Coordinator. Hardie offered that the grant committee will look at advancing the PACE portion of the program so that funds can be reasonably spent by year end.
- A local high school student produced a short film related to sustainability and a virtual watch party is being organized to generate community discussion around the topic. Event organizer Martin Ogle is asking for (non-monetary) co-sponsorship and help with outreach from several City of Lafayette entities, including LESAC. The Lafayette Library has agreed to co-sponsor/promote.
- Hisel will reach out to provide orientations to new members before the March meeting.

New Business

A. Sustainability Plan Discussion with Brendle

- No categories for transportation are included in the plan. Liaison Hisel explained that the city recently engaged a contract for a multi-modal transportation which is expected to incorporate a sustainability lens and will inform future versions of the Sustainability Plan. LESAC recommends transportation be noted in the plan as an area of future focus.
- Water conservation should also be noted as an area for future focus.

- Conducting a greenhouse gas inventory every five years may be too long as these are lagging data points. The new sustainability coordinator should consider the possibility of advocating for more frequent measurement of progress.
- Impacting community habits is a great opportunity and the 2021 BOCO grants include exploration of a community-based sustainability program. Brendle was not aware of this and Liaison Hisel will share the details of this program to be incorporated under existing efforts.
- The number of strategies is overwhelming. The new coordinator may need direction from Council to identify priorities.
- Concern about the resources needed to undertake the strategies from a staffing perspective. Liaison Hisel agreed that we do not have capacity to accomplish all of these items at current levels and while the plan does indicate fractions of FTE necessary to accomplish these strategies it's a bit misleading because in some cases it doesn't reflect a new FTE needed but represents the amount of time needed from existing staff, further the plan is the first step in aligning resources to accomplish the goals. While those resources have not been allocated at this time this helps with planning over time.
- Questions around the timeframe for the plan because it is a living document perhaps an end date is unnecessary. The plan is currently framed as having a 2-7 year lifespan.

Old Business

Upcoming LESAC Vacancies

- Terms for Neal Kruse, Robb Menzies, and Emily Miller will expire in March; Neal will reapply for consideration by submitting an email to Liaison Hisel. Menzies and Miller will not seek reappointment. Liaison Hisel will open the application process.
- Menzies shared details of a loan program he had been coordinating during his tenure and will connect with Hisel to share information and answer questions.
- Expiration of alternate member's term is unclear; staff to investigate.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:54 by a unanimous vote with a motion by Zach Rogers and a second by David LoVullo.

Attest

City of Lafayette, Colorado

Kady Doelling
Interim Staff Liaison

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Zack Rogers, Chair