

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
CITY OF LAFAYETTE, COLORADO**

**Energy Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting  
July 13, 2021**

**I. OPENING OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING**

**Call to Order**

The July 13, 2021 meeting of the Lafayette Energy Sustainability Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:34pm. The meeting was conducted via electronic participation due to the presence of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Colorado and subsequent Safer at Home Executive Order from Governor Jared Polis.

**Roll Call**

Those in attendance from LESAC Committee Chair Zach Rogers, Committee Vice Chair, Dawn Mancini Moyer, Committee Members Neal Kruis, Guy Higgins, David LoVullo, and Tom Hardie.

Absent: Committee Member Jeff Koppel and City Council Liaison Chelsea Behanna.

City participant included Board Liaison Elizabeth Szorad.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*A motion was made by Tom Hardie and seconded by David LoVullo to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2021 LESAC meeting. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously with Kruis and Rogers abstaining due to not attending the June 8 meeting.*

**III. PUBLIC INPUT**

1. None.

**IV. AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. Staff Updates**

DOLA Grant: Regional effort to adopt 2021 IECC energy codes was not approved by the Colorado Energy Office. City of Lafayette and neighboring cities are waiting to review a secondary proposal from the consultant that prioritizes the review of the 2021 IECC. The first proposal did not include energy code support and only focused on Roadmap to Net Zero New Construction and Roadmap to 100% Renewable Electricity. Szorad to continue to work on prioritizing the adoption of the 2021 IECC. Kruis asked why the City is not adopting as is. Szorad explained the adoption process, challenges, and potential alternatives. Szorad stated a regional approach is strategic for adoption. Higgins asked the impact of new building codes on affordability. Szorad explained that affordability is a top priority and will be a point of discussion given Economic Development involvement and priorities of the City.

Waste: Compost giveaway event set for September 11 – available to residents who have Republic Services as provider. On August 17 City will be presenting the contract extension request to Council. Will highlight the contract updates that will be going into effect with the extension. Szorad is working on RFP for residential solid waste, expected date for promotion is

sometime in September. City also submitted a grant application to enhance webpage engagement and education regarding waste reduction. Will hear back in October if approved.

Boulder County Grant:

- a. PACE: PACE has hired a fellow for Lafayette – heard from the County on program status.
- b. Greenhouse Gas Inventory: Lotus Consulting will be providing a proposal in the next few days that align with the scope of work that Szorad and Moyer finalized. Expected start date is August 1 with a completion of the GHG inventory November 9. Szorad to share the proposal with the Committee.
- c. Neighborhood Sustainability Program Exploration: Szorad developed a job description for a Sustainability Intern to conduct the research and feasibility study for a Neighborhood Sustainability Program. No timeline for when the job will be able for interested individuals to apply.

B. City Council Liaison Update:

1. None

C. Green Business and PACE Update - Boulder County Presentation

Overview of the PACE program was provided by Hannon. Explained that PACE is a one-stop shop for sustainability for businesses. Several rebates and financial support are offered to upgrade appliances, lighting, water conservation etc. to help businesses prioritize sustainability and save money.

Reviewed the Small Business Equity Program that the Lafayette Fellow will be promoting in her outreach work. This program covers 70% of project costs of outdated lighting and restaurant and grocery equipment.

Hannon introduced Otero, the Fellow that will be working in Lafayette. Hardie welcomed Otero to Lafayette and explained that a job requirement was to be bi-lingual. Otero introduced herself to the Committee and expressed her passion for reaching businesses in Lafayette who have not been engaged with PACE.

Hardie reminded the committee that Otero is funded by the 2021 BoCo grant. Rogers wanted to understand how to promote PACE through LESAC. Hannon explained that the funding for Otero helps increase outreach to Lafayette businesses and to provide PACE with any leads of businesses interested in sustainability advancements.

Rogers asked if PACE works with food trucks – explained that PACE has not historically engaged this sector but looking into it. Morhous, public participate, asked if PACE incentives were available to municipal facilities, Hannon explained that they are not.

LESAC Candidate Interviews

- a. Interview 1 – Branden Morhous:  
Morhous is interested in improving energy efficiency within the City. LoVullo asked what brought Morhous to Lafayette, Morhous explained his employment but fell in love with the community. Mancini Moyer wanted to learn more about Morhous volunteer work at The Shack. Morhous explained how his company installed the solar panels and has volunteered to help promote renewable energy. Hardie asked if Morhous reviewed the sustainability plan. Morhous expressed that the plan has an aggressive approach to energy efficiency and renewable energy. Morhous is interested in raising awareness within the community and the green healthy buildings. Higgins asked what 100% renewable energy means to him. Morhous explained prioritizing energy efficiency first and then renewable energy. Kruis asked if Morhous is working with the City. Morhous explained he is conducting an investment grade audit with the City of Lafayette.
- b. Interview 2: Greg Ching:  
Ching has been a Colorado resident for 25 years and has served on a Sustainability Advisory Board in Nederland. Ching is currently going to school and works in Louisville. Ching sees the value in prioritizing energy efficiency before renewable energy. He explained his experience in building a carbon negative home. Believes that the Sustainability Plan is missing a crucial piece of gardening to reduce GHG emissions. Would urge the Committee to prioritize BIPOC and women on the board.
- c. Interview 3: Jeremy Jackson  
Issues with audio – conducted the interview through chat function via Zoom. Kruis asked about schooling background. Jackson explained that he grew up in Lafayette, went to the elementary and Centaurus High School. LoVullo asked what his next steps in his career. Jackson explained that he is job searching to work in space systems but doesn't plan on leaving Colorado as there is lots of opportunities.

#### LESAC Retreat

Szorad presented the idea to hire a moderator for the Committee Retreat. Provided background on Brinkman Consulting and the role of the moderator. Rogers expressed concern with moderators that do not allow for organic discussion between Committee members. Szorad reiterated the role of the moderator would be to keep the discussions on track and focused.

Rogers asked if Monday August 9 would remain the retreat date. All Committee members favored postponing the retreat to allow new members to join. This would also allow more members to attend the Board and Commissions Training on July 19 at 5:30pm. Szorad to send out poll to Committee Members to schedule retreat at the August once alternates are approved by Council.

A motion was made by Neal Kruis and seconded by Zack Rogers to recommend hiring Brinkman Consulting to moderate the LESAC retreat. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### D. Other Business

- a. Discussion and recommendations of LESAC Candidates: Rogers expressed that all candidates have great backgrounds to support LESAC initiatives. Rogers supported Morhous and Dugan for recommendation to Council. Moyer expressed support of Dugan due to her perspective on Sustainability Plan and projected energy consumptions due to growth. Moyer also liked Morhous' perspective on neighborhood sustainability. Kruis also expressed support of Morhous and Dugan given their experience. Rogers stated there is concern with Morhous due to his employment with Mid-State. LoVullo expressed the same conflict of interest, but having Morhous' expertise would benefit the committee. Kruis expressed concern with Jackson given his job search and no certainty of staying in Lafayette.

A motion was made by Zack Rogers and seconded by Neal Kruis to recommend Ellen Dugan and Branden Morhous to Council to be alternate members on LESAC. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Szorad to find out when the recommendation will go to Council to inform the Committee.

- b. EDICA Update: Letter is ready to go to Council.

A motion was made by Zack Rogers and seconded by David LuVollu to send letter to Council recommend Council support the EDICA legislation. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

- c. Future Committee Meetings: In-person meeting will resume in August. All committee members were in favor for resuming in-person meetings in August.

## V. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm.

ATTEST

CITY OF LAFAYETTE, COLORADO

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Elizabeth Szorad Staff Liaison

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LESAC  
Zach Rogers, Chair

The minutes herein are a summary of the business conducted at this meeting, not a verbatim transcript. Only the actions taken and the text appearing in quotation marks are verbatim.