

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

**Energy Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting  
November 9, 2021**

**I. OPENING OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING**

**Call to Order**

The November 9, 2021 meeting of the Lafayette Energy Sustainability Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:35pm.

**Roll Call**

Those in attendance from LESAC Committee Chair, Zach Rogers, Committee Vice Chair Dawn Mancini Moyer, Committee Members Neal Kruis, Guy Higgins, Jeff Koppel, and Branden Morhous.

Absent: Committee Member Ellen Dugan and David LoVullo, and City Council Liaison Chelsea Behanna.

City participant included Board Liaison Elizabeth Szorad.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*A motion was made by Neal Kruis and seconded by Dawn Mancini Moyer to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2021 LESAC meeting. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously with Zach Rogers abstaining due to being absent.*

**III. PUBLIC INPUT**

1. Katie Belgard presented on GoEV initiative. Several communities have committed to their initiative already. Proposing Lafayette to lead, drive change, and adopt aspirational goals. Specifically, organization would like Lafayette to join GoEV Cities in Colorado, which includes committing to a 100% electric fleet (zero emissions) by 2050. Nearby communities that have joined are Longmont, Boulder County, Nederland, Vail, etc. Higgins brought up the challenge of 100% is a stretch goal and unachievable given the available technology. Belgard stated that Lafayette would create their own Lafayette specific goals such as fleet electrification, charging stations, EV plans, local transit agency and school engagement, etc. Belgard wants to continue the conversation with LESAC and the City of Lafayette on an opportunity to join coalition to ensure there is a plan to ensure electrification. Szorad to share with slide deck with LESAC. Mancini Moyer asked if all communities adopted the 2050 goal. Belgard stated that all communities have done resolutions with a 2050 timeline. Common challenges are specific departments and their needs, police, fire department, etc. Kruis stated that the proposed Resolution aligns with our City priorities and reducing emissions. Rogers stated that 2050 is a long-term goal that we can strive to reach. Szorad stated that different departments will have different needs and there are concerns with hauling capacity. Higgins asked if there is a cost analysis available to demonstrate the cost savings from switching from gas to electric. Belgard will share the cost analysis with Szorad.

**IV. AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Staff Updates

DOLA Grant: Grants were approved for DOLA. Szorad stated kick-off meeting to review 2021 IECC on Friday. Will involve LESAC when needed. Louisville adopted the 2021 IECC in October, will review and advise the regional cohort on this. Krus interested in limiting pathways to approach development innovatively.

2022 Boulder County Grant:

Szorad still working with internal departments to determine final project selection. Considering: rebrand of Green Business Program, part-time Sustainability Fellow, regional sustainability event, and a hard-to-recycle event. Szorad shared other projects that were on the table, but due impact analysis decided against. Szorad working to finalize cost of each program. Application of grant requested support from advisory committees. A motion was made by Mancini Moyer to support the 2022 Sustainability Matching Grant projects selected by the City of Lafayette and seconded by Jeff Koppel. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously. Due date for grant is November 16.

Boulder County Grant 2021:

PACE: Launched the To-Go Ware this past week, remaining funds will be used to purchase coupons from Tundra (supplier), if not all rebates are utilized this year, can be used next year. So far, good feedback and interest from businesses.

Neighborhood Sustainability Program Exploration: The Sustainability Intern has been working on exploring the feasibility of implementing a Neighborhood Sustainability Program. Miller will be sending out a survey to residents via mail pointing to an online survey to gauge interest for a neighborhood program and other sustainability items. Szorad requested support from LESAC to spread the word to their neighbors to fill out the survey once the mailing goes out.

Waste: As of November 2, 2021 all residents in the City of Lafayette have access to compost service, they must ask for this service from their hauler or HOA. Szorad released the RFP for residential solid waste collection services on Friday November 5. Szorad reviewed industry comments from haulers.

Upcoming Events: Sustainability Film Series kick off on November 18 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm. Also, America Recycles Day is on November 15.

B. City Council Liaison Update: None

C. Other Business:

1. LESAC Membership: Szorad mentioned the LESAC position has been posted, application due on December 1. Already received some interest from some members of the community. Szorad requested to spread the word to neighbors to receive applications.
2. LESAC Budget: Szorad explained that the budget is a use it or lose it situation. Szorad shared some ideas to utilize the remaining funds for LESAC. LESAC has \$4,430.99 in the remaining budget. Szorad threw out ideas to utilize the remaining funds, reusable bags, holiday get together, etc. Koppel mentioned purchasing compostable straws for businesses.

Higgins mentioned expanding the compost giveaway event for the City. Rogers mentioned programmable thermostats and giving it away at events. There was a motion by Zach Rogers to use the remaining budget for programmable thermostats (\$1000), and city facility energy efficient audits (\$1000) and the rest of the funds toward reusable bags and seconded by Neal Kruis. Szorad will send a vote to utilize the funds by end of November. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. EDICA Letter: Szorad mentioned no update on EDICA letter doing some investigation on how to get information to Council. LESAC has approved this letter to go to Council. Szorad will update LESAC next time.
4. Benchmarking: Kruis went over benchmarking program that he worked with Xcel to set up City Facilities with Energy Portfolio to track energy efficiency. This project was done to track facility improvements and ensure that buildings are using less energy than more, seasonal patterns, year after year energy usage, etc. Xcel data gets updated regularly.
5. GHG Inventory Review: Mancini Moyer mentioned that Lotus shared the GHG inventory, draft report and infographic and to provide comments to Szorad. Kruis mentioned that a lot of the variables are absolute, so hard to know the cause of variations year after year. Hard to compare year after year due to methodology changes. There are only two years that are comparable. Mancini Moyer mentioned that Xcel's energy portfolio is getting cleaner, can't account that Lafayette is driving the reduction of emissions. Koppel suggested that emissions are going down due to human activity, can add better conclusion. Reviewed the infographic to find areas to highlight and change. Szorad requested that LESAC members send comments electronically by Friday.
6. Project Updates:
  - a. Mobile Homes and Low-Income Communities: Morhous and LoVullo conducting research on what is working with mobile home in Eagle County.
  - b. Solar Expansion: Higgins looking at existing contract that Lafayette has, we do have capacity to expand in Lafayette. Concern that there is no interest from residents due to 20-year contract and financial upfront costs. Looking into floating PV at a reservoir, but there is concern ecological concerns. Rogers asked if privately owned parking lots were looked at. Higgins mentioned that not impossible but privately owned.
  - c. Electrification: Rogers and Kruis still looking for a time to meet.

## V. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39pm.

ATTEST

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Elizabeth Szorad Staff Liaison

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LESAC Zach Rogers, Chair

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