

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

**Energy Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting
January 11, 2022**

I. OPENING OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

Call to Order

The January 11, 2022 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 Members Neal Kruis, Jeff Koppel, Ellen Mooneyhan, David LoVullo and Branden Morhous.

Absent: Committee Member Guy Higgins.

City participant included Board Liaison Elizabeth Szorad and City Council Liaison Tim Barnes.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Zach Rogers and seconded by Neal Kruis to approve the minutes from the November 9, 2021 LESAC meeting. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC INPUT

A. Casey Lyons – Emailed Szorad earlier today to urge LESAC to explore a ban of natural gas hookups in new buildings.

IV. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Staff Updates

DOLA Grant: First workshop was this morning. Learned about the major changes from the 2018 to the 2021 IECC. During the workshop had comprehensive conversations regarding scope of work of the grant due to the unprecedented events in Louisville and Superior. Specifically, how those homes would need to be rebuilt to the new codes and how to support those communities and impacted residents. No decision was made, but conversation will continue.

Boulder County Grant:

PACE: 17 total restaurants participated in the To-Go Ware Campaign in the first nine days of the program. Due to order cut off dates, the City and County ordered several common to-go serviceware items and are planning to provide them to restaurants in the coming weeks as a giveaway and incentive to switch from Styrofoam to an alternative product. WRAC will be helping deliver the remaining to-go ware to restaurants. WRAC will be helping loading boxes into cars and delivering serviceware to restaurants from 10am – 1pm tomorrow. Very successful pilot program, hoping to run the program again this year.

Greenhouse Gas Inventory: Szorad received the final inventory, report, memo, and infographic. Szorad shared the LESAC memo and infographic with the Committee. Asked members to review it and bring back ideas on areas that can be address in the next 2

years, that the City can focus efforts on. Will be sharing the infographic and final report on the website by end of January.

Neighborhood Sustainability Program Exploration: Many LESAC members joined the special meeting in December to discuss the findings of the Neighborhood Sustainability Program Exploration. We had over 650 responses for the community survey. Szorad shared the results with the Committee and the next steps for the project. Szorad explained that the County is changing their residential program and Lafayette will wait to see what programming they will have to offer. They are looking into an option that Lafayette also explored.

Waste Updates: Szorad is reviewing the proposals submitted to the City with internal evaluation team. Explained the differences between the proposals the benefits and challenges with each one. Szorad explained the process of scoring each of the proposals and that score will be presented to City Council. Szorad is keeping the evaluation team to City Staff. WRAC will be providing input as well. Received a Zero Waste Grant via Boulder County to update the webpages for solid waste education. Szorad will be working with WRAC to compile information for this project, expected to be launched in November.

Boulder County Grant 2022: We have five projects for this year using the 2022 budget. First project, Green Business Program Rebrand, Hard-to-Recycle Event Pilot, Regional Event to promote action, Sustainability Staffing support, Open Space Volunteer Tools.

Regional EV Action Plan: Third workshop for EV regional planning plan, will be able to receive an EV Action plan for Lafayette specifically. Will involve that committee once we are at that point, we are identifying goals.

B. City Council Liaison Update:

1. Moving towards a retreat, will work on strategic priorities for the next week.
2. Barnes provided a background to himself as a science educator with NCAR in Boulder for the last 25 years.

C. Other Business:

Applicant Discussion:

1. Kalishman Walsh and McDaniel provided introductions to the Committee. McDaniel works in Broomfield and works specifically in the energy field. Kruis asked if McDaniel could explain what his tasks are in Broomfield, currently working on a GHG reduction plan that will be presented to Council later this year. McDaniel shared that he is passionate about how to incentivize existing buildings to make a switch to electric rather than natural gas. LoVullo asked about how he transition from IT to energy. McDaniel explained that he was burnt out in IT and took some time for vacation and enrolled in a Masters program and was able to work for the Town of Lyons. LoVullo asked how McDaniel would manage being on an advisory board to Council and not having a large budget or be in the weeds. McDaniel explained how the strategies he is working on in Broomfield can be leveraged in Lafayette with his expertise. Kalishman Walsh has experience working in a technology company working to bring electrification in existing buildings to reduce GHG emissions. Enjoys seeing that local governments are taking leadership roles in mitigating climate change. Rogers asked what Kalishman Walsh is interested in working on. Kalishman Walsh explained building

codes, electrification in existing builds and how sustainability is being viewed in a holistic way (how do we maintain affordability). LoVullo asked more details regarding a background in sustainable foods. Kalishman Walsh worked with restaurants on elevating ingredients in incentivizing the local food system and to connect local farms with restaurants and others. Rogers explained that both applicants would bring a new perspective to the Committee. Rogers also explained that Mooneyhan should be changed from an alternate to a regular member. A motion was made by Zach Rogers and seconded by David LoVullo to move Mooneyhan to a regular member and recommend to Council McDaniel as a regular member and Kalishman Walsh as an alternate member. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously. Will be discussing if a Treasurer is needed in future meetings.

2. Elections: Rogers mentioned every January we conduct elections. This year we have three positions open. Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. Szorad explained what the secretary would do for the Committee. Rogers explained the responsibility of the Chair. Barnes explained how elections work and recommended to hold off until all members (including applicants) are onboarded into the community. LoVullo said he would be interested in the Vice Chair position. Rogers would like to continue as Chair, still debating whether to serve another term starting in March. Kruis expressed interest in Secretary. A motion was made by Zach Rogers and seconded by Neal Kruis for LoVullo to serve as Vice Char. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Neal Kruis and seconded by Koppel for Rogers to serve as Chair. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Zach Rogers and seconded by LoVullo for Kruis to serve as Secretary. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Budget: Szorad explained that the \$1000 reserved by the Committee for energy efficiency improvements at City Facilities was unable to occur due to timing and vendor/shipping limitations. Next year we need to discuss in September/October timeframe to meet budget and vendor deadlines. The remaining 1k will go towards creating a Lafayette specific water conservation program called "WaterWise Lafayette."
4. Solar and EV History: Rogers presented on previous Solar and EV efforts. Provided a summary of what LESAC as supported throughout the years. There is large interest from the committee to have access to historic presentations and reports from LESAC. Barnes suggested to connect with Library and making documents available to the public for research purposes. Mooneyhan volunteer to organize the files.
5. Sustainability Board Brainstorm: There is interest in combining WRAC and LESAC under one Board or Advisory Committee. From speaking to both committees, there is a desire to combine forces as well. To make the switch, there is a need to have leadership from WRAC and LESAC to do the work on the potential Bylaws/Ordinance to make this. This would allow existing committees to collaborate more, take on additional projects, transportation, water, air quality, and more. Mooneyhan expressed concern that if there is a merge that there would be less impact in energy with less members working on energy efficiency projects. Rogers expressed the same concern that efforts may be diluted. Koppel expressed concern on communications being challenged due to expertise being on different ends of the spectrum. Barnes expressed that a broader reach could comment on different plans that will be in the future for the City. LoVullo asked if there be could a committee liaison to attend WRAC to learn how that Committee is run. Mooneyhan stated she can attend the WRAC meeting to report back.

1. Project Updates:

- a. Mobile Homes and Low-Income Communities: Morhous and LoVullo has a meeting with an organization that replaced propane using equipment with heat pumps, energy efficiency improvements, see how that could fit into Lafayette.

- b. Solar Expansion: Mooneyhan is meeting with Xcel to discuss how community solar applications work. Also looking into farming and solar and how those two can work together.
- c. Electrification: Will be working on this week.

V. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04pm.

ATTEST

CITY OF LAFAYETTE, COLORADO

Elizabeth Szorad Staff Liaison

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.