

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

**Waste Reduction Advisory Committee Meeting
February 3, 2022**

I. OPENING OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

Call to Order

The February 3, 2022 meeting of the Lafayette Waste Reduction Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:37pm.

Roll Call

Those in attendance from WRAC were Committee Chair Adam Gianola, Vice Chair Jen Dingman, Committee Members Rebecca Tyer, Kathy Wertz, and Rosie Briggs.

Absent: Committee Secretary Matt LeBeau and Committee Member David Fridland.

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Rebecca Tyer and seconded by Jennifer Dingman to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2022 WRAC meeting with changes. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC INPUT

A. Tracy Bugh, Recycle By City Presentation.

- a. Szorad recieved a grant to conduct a webpage refresh on circular economy, what goes where, and waste reduction tips. Recycle By City is our partner and will be creating the code for our webpage. Bugh is here today to share a preview of what the webpage will look like. Bugh went through the back end of what our webpage may look like. This provided a visual for Committee members to know what they will be supporting to create for the City. Tracy went through some of the functionalities of the webpage that we can have. Gianola asked if the webpage and components can be changed throughout the year. Bugh mentioned Szorad will have back end access to provide seasonal updates or if markets change. Tyer asked if the content will be available via app, Bugh will be web-based. Bugh will work with Szorad for the data.

IV. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Staff Updates

- a. **PACE:** Dingman, Tyer, and Szorad helped PACE deliver to-go ware to restaurants. All restaurants were very appreciative of the supplies. Given the success of this program, planning to do a version in 2022 – still in the works.
- b. **Greenhouse Gas Inventory:** City is building out webpage where we will share the results of the GHG Inventory. Presentation will be conducted to Council in April about the results of the GHG and upcoming Earth Month events.

- c. Three Cart Program Updates: Internal evaluation team has reviewed the proposals, conducted interviews, site visits, and reference checks with proposers for the residential solid waste contract. Internal team members are finalizing details to go to Council for a recommendation. Each team member has dedicated time to conduct a comprehensive review of each proposer. Szorad reviewed the criteria the proposers were scored on both quantitatively and qualitatively. There are pros and cons to each proposer and this has been carefully reviewed. Szorad will share more next month. Gianola asked if WRAC will receive a preview, Szorad stated that she will notify WRAC when it goes to Council.
 - d. Boulder County Grant 2022:
 - e. *Eco-Tober:* Not much has occurred for this regional event. Partnered cities are touring Centaurus High School to determine rental spaces and if it's what we are looking for in October. Will be signing contracts with event coordinator soon.
 - f. *Hard to Recycle Event:* Working with a designer on the flyer for this event. April 23 at Flatirons Church parking lot – reservations will be required. Szorad shared the draft version of the hard-to-recycle flyer for feedback.
 - g. *Green Business Program:* Szorad is working with the designer on a logo for the Green Business Program. Another added layer is the State will be rolling out their Green Business Network and looking for municipalities to join the state programs rather than local programs. There is a co-branding option. Lafayette will be at the table to discuss how to integrate our local program with theirs without losing out local brand. More to come on this.
 - h. *Staffing Support:* We have hired a Sustainability Fellow, she will be starting February 14 and will help with coordinating community events and leading the charge with mobile home park engagement. Her name is Alexis Bullen, some of you may know her as she served on WRAC in years past. She also has a background in Sustainability Communications with the City of Boulder.
 - i. *Electric Tools for Open Space:* Will be ordering tools in March.
 - j. *EV:* As many of you are aware City is hoping to pilot a Ford Lightning with Open Space. An energy load audit with our golf maintenance facility needs to occur as most of City facilities are at load capacity. Will be discussing with LESAC on funding this audit. This will be a part of a larger infrastructure plan to electrify our fleet and tools at the City.
 - k. *Building Codes:* City is in the process of reviewing 2021 energy conservation codes and reviewing strengthening amendments such as electric ready or preferred in new builds.
- B. Council Liaison Update
- a. Council just finished up its retreat to set a vision and direction for the City. Councilors got to know each other better and learned how to work together. Conducted a DISC evaluation to determine what each Councilor is motivated by. Reviewed strategic

outcomes from previous Council to see if there needed to be any updates. Environmental leadership changed to environmental stewardship to address climate resiliency. Also reviewed what is happening at the City and into the future. Gianola asked about priorities for City Council. Barnes went through several high level priorities, water, electrification, housing plan, etc.

C. Other Business

- a. Compostable Bags – YMCA: Dingman has been working with the YMCA to be more sustainable. YMCA set sustainability goals with the help of PACE and Dingman. Dingman wants to expand composting at the site but hoping WRAC can provide an incentive to jumpstart the expansion of the composting at the YMCA. Dingman wants to provide 2-6 month supply to the YMCA of compostable bags that WRAC has in their inventory. Dingman is waiting to hear back on the financial commitment from the YMCA to continue purchasing compostable bags after the WRAC supply runs out. A motion was made by Jennifer Dingman and seconded by Adam Gianola to provide the YMCA with all the purple compostable bags currently in the WRAC's inventory. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously. The remaining 350 green compostable bags remains for other City events.
- b. Earth Day Every Day Support: Szorad is working to finalize the April 30 event with Open Space. Szorad is looking for one or two volunteers to man the booth for WRAC (providing compost kits and compostable bags) and one volunteer to help a group of students with waste sorting – mostly training. The booth space will be shared with Sustainability – our new Sustainability Fellow will be providing reusable bags + pledges. Shared the Earth Day Every Day draft flyer for feedback. Several committee members expressed interest in staffing or providing training for students at the event.
- c. Zero Waste Grant Member Support: As you are all aware we received a grant from Boulder County to do webpage refresh similar to Tracy presented on earlier today. Briggs will be providing a spreadsheet with different items that we could potentially list. Brigg's list is extensive, Szorad asked for support from a member or two to narrow down the list and also have members start to notice areas in the City where residents can take hard to recycle items. For example; King Soopers takes plastic bags, Batteries and Bulbs takes batteries and light bulbs, etc. We need to create a separate list with local resource for hard to recycle items. Gianola asked to circulate a basic list and add to the list every other week. Tyler will take the first draft of a local resources list to share with the group. Szorad will share that list with the Committee.
- d. Sustainability Advisory Board Brainstorm: Szorad talked to the City of Superior on the structure of their Sustainability Advisory Committee. They have nine members and four working groups. Their working grounds are: Climate/Energy, Water/Natural Environment, Transportation/Air Quality, and Waste. Working groups meet monthly outside of the Committee Meeting. This is a similar format to our individual projects. Being in a working group is voluntary and the groups align with Superiors Sustainability Plan. Szorad will be meeting with Louisville to understand their structure and challenges. Tyler explained the pros and cons to merging. Hesitance that the waste items may be diluted with the larger scope. Dingman expressed excitement about the working groups and how it would give us more opportunity to provide input for sustainability. Barnes stated the strength when both committees come together and demonstrate the interconnectivity of all sustainability items.

Gianola suggested having a special meeting between WRAC and LESAC to highlight projects that each committee is working on to understand what the priorities are and pilot what a sustainability meeting can look like. Dingman also volunteers to be a WRAC liaison and attend LESAC meetings.

- e. HOA Support: Szorad is working with an HOA who has requested support in recycling and composting. Szorad wanted to ask the Committee if they would like to fund 28 small recycle containers + compost kits (compostable bags). We already have compost kits for residents that we can provide, mostly asking if we can provide 28 rolls of compostable bags and recycle containers. A motion was made by Adam Gianola to fund 28 recycling containers at \$200.00 from WRAC budget and seconded by Rebecca Tyer.
- f. Skip the Plastic Idea: Dingman presented the idea to WRAC about ways to reduce waste and alternative plastic free items to have at the WRAC booth. Will discuss ideas and costs next Committee meeting.
- g. Project Updates:
 - a. Zero Waste Ordinance: No updates. Tyer states if an event requests a permit, must be a zero-waste event. Similar to what the City of Boulder has.
 - b. Mandatory Recycling and Composting: Gianola stated zero waste events get lumped in with community ordinances. Gianola spoke to Fridland's research and top three universal recycling and compost ordinance.
 - c. Policy and Education: Dingman has been working on food truck letters and agreements for the April 30 event. Dingman is also working on the Sustainability Film screening for Earth Month.
 - d. Communications: Briggs have worked on a Valentine's Day content for reducing waste and gifts. Briggs found a report on single plastic bans/limitations nationwide via Eco-Cycle. Report looks at plastic bags, Styrofoam, cutlery, straws. The report looks at different limitations for each. Plastic Council put out a report on what materials should be eliminated. Recycle Colorado is reviewing Skip the Stuff act – upon request only single use policy and producer responsibility bill – specific to packaging.

V. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.

ATTEST

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Elizabeth Szorad, Staff Liaison

Adam Gianola, WRAC 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.