

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

**Waste Reduction Advisory Committee Meeting
April 7, 2022**

I. OPENING OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

Call to Order

The April 7, 2022 meeting of the Lafayette Waste Reduction Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:38pm.

Roll Call

Those in attendance from WRAC were Committee Chair Adam Gianola, Vice Chair Jen Dingman, Committee Secretary Matt LeBeau and Committee Member Rosie Briggs and Kathy Wertz.

Absent: Committee Member Rebecca Tyer and David Fridland.

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Matt LeBeau and seconded by Adam Gianola to approve the minutes from the March 29, 2022 WRAC meeting. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC INPUT

A. None.

IV. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Staff Updates

a. Boulder County Grant 2022:

b. *Eco-Tober:* Szorad has signed contract with Drive Clean Colorado, will be starting the planning in May. Superior is working with Martin Ogle on contracting for school consulting. Louisville has hired a new Sustainability Coordinator that starts next week.

c. *Hard to Recycle Event:* Szorad has a sustainability events webpage that is live and requesting individuals to sign up for the Hard to Recycle Event. Hoping WRAC can push out to their own communities, residents must register.

d. *Green Business Program:* Szorad has a final logo and videos are final. Will be launching the videos next week prior to the green business breakfast. LeBeau will be a speaker for Happy Beast at this Breakfast. Szorad shared the overview video for the green business program.

e. *Staffing Support:* Bullen has been working on several items including support with the website, engaging with manufactured homes stakeholders, and coordinating the several events we have for April.

- f. *Electric Tools for Open Space*: Ordered tools and saplings for the upcoming volunteer event on April 22 from 4pm – 6pm at the Outdoor Classroom.
 - g. *EV*: Audit has been completed at golf maintenance facility, still waiting to see if the results. Should be in the next week.
 - h. *Building Codes*: City has been working with neighboring communities to discuss regional strengthening amendments to the building code. Our timeframe will be Q3/Q4 for public engagement. In June we will start to create our own customized code for Lafayette.
- B. Council Liaison Update
- a. Council decision to approve Republic Services as residential solid waste hauler
 - b. Willoughby Corner moving forward with re-zoning for affordable housing.
 - c. Future 42 presentation: Council was consulted on plan to improving transit along highway 42 between Baseline to Arapahoe.
 - d. Updates to water treatment plant are moving forward.
 - e. CC4CA: Supporting legislation to introduce free recycling to all of Colorado with the cost passed back to the producers.
- C. Other Business
- a. *Solid Waste Contract Next Steps*: Szorad has entered the negotiation phase with Republic. This is regarding the language in the base contract and incorporating the approved contract alternatives of additional recycle cart sizes, weekly organics, and an annual hard-to-recycle event. WRAC has an opportunity getting involved with HOA discussions such as developing infographic for HOA's. Szorad asked for feedback on educational videos, members will think on this and discuss at a future meeting.
 - b. *Earth Day Every Day*: Zero waste services, Szorad asked if WRAC would like to support ordering zero waste cardboard boxes. These are \$25.00 for each and we are need of 6 sets, a total of \$450.00. A motion was made by Matt LeBeau and seconded by Jennifer Dingman to use WRAC budget to purchase six sets of garbage, recycle, and compost for the Earth Day Every Day event. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously. Discussed WRAC booth materials and plan.
 - c. *Zero Waste Grant Member Support*: Szorad has created a first draft of what goes where for local use. Hoping that WRAC can divide up locations and call or visit with them to see if they accept the listed material. Szorad to email members responsibilities. Tyler and Dingman are working on list of drop off items and what to add to it.
 - d. *Art Night Out Volunteer*: Szorad is looking for three WRAC members to lead the Art Night Out events July – September. Szorad will be handling May and Bullen will handle June. The volunteer would lead a group of volunteers for sorting waste and provide WRAC's supply of grabbers. Szorad will take May 13, Bullen (Sustainability Fellow) will cover June's event. Szorad is looking for WRAC leads for July, August, and September.

- e. Sustainability Advisory Board Brainstorm: LESAC is on board for combining the committees. Need one volunteer from WRAC to work with a LESAC member on drafting the bylaws for a Sustainability Advisory Board and what that will look like. Member would connect with Louisville, Superior and Erie boards to see what works well what doesn't to provide a draft proposal to the committees regarding the bylaws. Gianola will create a first draft of the bylaws to present to the Committee and LESAC.
- f. Gas-Powered Mower/Blower Take Back Event: Szorad presented opportunity for residents to get rid of gas-powered mower and leaf blower and residents would receive a voucher for either one. \$150.00 for an electric mower or a \$50.00 leaf blower. Szorad asked if the committee would be interested in purchasing vouchers for residents to take advantage of. A motion was made by Jennifer Dingman and seconded by Matt LeBeau to purchase five electric mowers and five electric leaf blowers – totaling \$1,000. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
- g. Project Updates:
 - a. Community Events - Zero Waste Ordinance: Tyer to provide language for what an ordinance should have.
 - b. Mandatory Recycling and Composting: None – working on selecting a few “best” ordinances. PACE fellow who starts in late April can also survey businesses to see if this is of interest.
 - c. Outreach and Education: Dingman is working on a hard-to-recycle drop off list for Szorad. Also coordinating the Sustainability Film on April 21 with Bicycle Colorado for a film called Motherload.
 - d. Communications: Briggs will be training a group of Peak to Peak students for support on Earth Day Every Day Celebration.

V. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01pm.

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.