

# BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS MINUTES

July 18, 2018

Service Center Conference Room  
1100 S. Sherman Street  
Longmont, CO 80501

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The July 18, 2018 meeting of the Longmont Board of Environmental Affairs was called to order by Member Abelkis at 3:33 p.m. at the Service Center Water Conference Room.

## 1. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present at roll call: Amy Schmidt, Wendy Jones, Kate Collardson, Kay Vollmayer, and Kai Abelkis

Excused Absence: Staff Member Robert Love

Unexcused Absence: Board Member Violeta Manoukian

Council Liaison Present: Polly Christensen

City Staff Members Present: Lisa Knoblauch, Francie Jaffe, Erin Fosdick, Tammy Duerksen, and Heather McIntyre

Public in Attendance: Lea Yancey, Community Sustainability Specialist with Boulder County Commissioner's Office

Heather McIntyre was introduced as the new Recording Secretary, replacing Tammy Duerksen.

## 2. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

There was a quorum present with five board members in attendance.

## 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 20, 2018

Chairperson Abelkis asked for approval of the June 20, 2018 minutes.

**Board Member Vollmayer made a motion to accept the June 20, 2018 minutes; the motion was seconded by Board Member Jones. The motion passed 5-0.**

## 4. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

Lea Yancey of Boulder County updated the Board on the County's electric bike purchasing promotion available through the end of July 2018. This is a community pool program with discounts offered by retail bike shops in the County. 251 Longmont residents have signed up so far. Test rides available during the Farmer's Market on Saturday, July 21, 2018.

Council Liaison Christensen asked Lea about who decides if Broomfield can put oil wells on Boulder County Open Space. Lea, with input from Staff Member Lisa Knoblauch, said that it would be someone from the Land Use Department. Lea said she would email contact information to Council Liaison Christensen.

**5. AGENDA REVISIONS AND SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS**

Staff Member Tammy Duerksen requested to add an item under Other Business regarding the new Visitor Access Policy for the Service Center.

Chairperson Abelkis asked Council Liaison Christensen to give an update during Other Business regarding current items the City Council is working on.

Board Member Vollmayer signed the May 16, 2018 minutes.

Chairperson Abelkis signed the June 20, 2018 minutes.

**6. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**A. Update on Envision Longmont and Multi-Modal Transportation Plan**

Staff Member Lisa Knoblauch introduced Staff Member Erin Fosdick from Planning and Development and informed the Board about how the City of Longmont's Sustainability Plan aligns with the work of Envision Longmont Multi-Modal Transportation and Comprehensive Plan.

Erin shared copies of Envision Longmont's overview brochure, "City of Longmont's Plan for the Next 20 Years," and reviewed the guiding principles, goals, and framework for the plan with Board members. The full plan can be found at the following link: <http://www.bit.ly/EnvisionLongmont>.

Erin presented the Board with information and answered their questions on how the City is implementing this plan through:

- Projects that focus more on infill/redevelopment of vacant land space versus sprawl growth of the City.
- Updating development codes to include a new suite of zoning districts and associated use regulations, as well as development standards and administration procedures. This will go before Council in the coming weeks, with hopeful enforcement of new code ready to go early in the fall.

- More detailed sub-area planning for the Sugar Mill/Hwy 119 Gateway, the St. Vrain Creek Corridor, the Hover Street Corridor, and the Midtown/North Main Street areas. Received a grant last year to do a Main Street Corridor plan, which will begin soon. Involvement from community members and boards welcome.
- Aligning the Envision Longmont plan with the City budget priorities and Capital Improvement Projects (CIP).
- Updating design standards for public properties, including standards for parking, water/waste water lines, street cross-sections, and landscaping.
- Working with RTD and local transport on expanding local transit service.
- The Enhanced Multi-Use Corridor Plan, which addresses improving use of existing rights of way to make safer places for people to bike and walk. Currently testing a Bike Lane Trial project that utilizes various right of way options to find out what will work best for Longmont.
- Working with Boulder County to move towards a coordinated entry services model for helping people experiencing transition and/or homelessness gain entry into permanent, affordable housing situations. City Council has agreed to set aside a permanent affordable housing fund, which is currently funded at \$1 million.
- St. Vrain Resiliency Project related to flood recovery and rebuilding work, as well as preparing for future flood events.
- Strategies for how we can remove barriers for food production and updating development codes to include urban agriculture.
- Buildout and implementation of NextLight.

Additionally, Board Member Schmidt asked about this plan's incorporation of technological advances in regards to electric vehicles, multi-family units, energy efficiency incentives in development, and other future options as they develop.

Staff member Lisa Knoblauch stated that both electric vehicles and energy efficiency in development are strategies identified in the recently completed Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Report. Longmont already adopts the newest international code standards within one-year of release; new standards are released every three years, which consistently include stricter energy efficiency standards. In addition, beginning in the 2021 cycle, Longmont will implement a stretch goal for increasing energy efficiency standards above and beyond the international code standards.

Staff Member Erin Fosdick stated there is an active development website where people can see what projects are in process and what is being proposed. The web address is: <https://www.longmontcolorado.gov/departments/departments-n->

[z/planning-and-development-services/plans-and-reports/active-development-log-and-map.](#)

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

Council Liaison Christensen shared that Council is currently focusing on housing, transportation, and the St. Vrain River Corridor. Discussion with Board members ensued.

Staff Member Tammy Duerksen informed the Board of a new Visitor Access Policy for the Service Center. Board members were given access badges to use in entering the Service Center for future BEA meetings. Guests will need to sign in and out at the front desk to check out a guest access pass for the meetings.

**8. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Staff Member Lisa Knoblauch notified Board members of the next Sustainability Coalition meeting at the Longmont Public Library on Tuesday, August 7, from 5 - 7 pm. Sustainability Intern Francie Jaffe will present information on a just transition plan she is currently working on and Economic Sustainability Specialist Berenice Garcia Tellez will address her work on the sustainable business program.

**9. ITEMS FROM BOARD**

No items from board.

**10. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 pm with motion by Member Jones and seconded by Member Schmidt.

The next regular meeting of the Longmont Board of Environmental Affairs is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. at the Service Center, 1100 South Sherman Street, Longmont, Colorado 80501.

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**Kai Abelkis, Chairperson**

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**Heather McIntyre, Recording Secretary**

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