

BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS MINUTES
September 19, 2018

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

The September 19, 2018 meeting of the Longmont Board of Environmental Affairs was called to order by Member Abelkis at 3:30 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, Violeta Manoukian, and Kai Abelkis

Excused Absence: Staff Member Robert Love

Absence: Council Liaison Polly Christensen

City Staff Members Present: Francie Jaffe, Cal Youngberg, Berenice Garcia Tellez, Annie Noble, Wayne Tomac, and Heather McIntyre

Public in Attendance: Sam Lounsberry, Staff Writer for the Longmont Times-Call

Annie Noble was introduced as the new Environmental Services Manager. Board members and other staff also introduced themselves as a courtesy to everyone present.

Staff member Wayne Tomac arrived at 3:38 p.m.

2. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 18, 2018

Chairperson Abelkis asked for approval of the July 18, 2018 minutes.

Board Member Vollmayer made a motion to accept the July 18, 2018 minutes; the motion was seconded by Board Member Collardson. The motion passed 6-0.

4. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

There were no public comments.

5. AGENDA REVISIONS AND SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS

There were no agenda revisions.

Chairperson Abelkis signed the July 18, 2018 minutes.

Staff Member Cal Youngberg gave an update on Council proceedings related to the Board. Sustainability budget discussion for 2019 was deferred to the September 25th Council meeting. He does not foresee any big differences with Council on the budget proposals, but a couple of items have already been cut from the general fund budget being proposed. There is a possibility that these items may be restored from other funding areas, including the Just Transition Plan and Community Cohesion & Resilience Project.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Presentation on the City's Just Transition Plan

City Staff Intern Francie Jaffe presented information on work she has been doing on the Just Transition Plan, a component of the City's Sustainability Plan focusing primarily on the Social Equity pillar of that plan. The goal of the Just Transition Plan is to help shape a sustainable community built on a foundation of policies and practices that ensure fair, just, and equitable opportunities for all residents, specifically related to the transition to renewable energy. Discussion and feedback was given by board members in relation to the plan and its implementation.

Sam Lounsberry, Staff Writer for the Longmont Times-Call, arrived at 3:58 p.m.

B. Presentation on the City's Just Transition Plan

Staff Member Wayne Tomac, Neighborhood Program Specialist, shared a presentation about the City's pilot project referred to as SOL (Sustainable Opportunities, Lifestyles, and Leadership). This project is a partnership with the Environmental Center at the University of Colorado and is funded through a Boulder County sustainability grant to implement the FLOWS program (Foundations for Leaders Organizing for Water and Sustainability) in Longmont. Through the City's already-existing Community Neighborhoods Resources programs, SOL will initially focus on community members in the Kiteley Neighborhood and the Inn Between to provide workshops, green job skills training, and sustainable home improvement lifestyle opportunities for those residents. The City hopes to expand the program in the future.

C. Presentation on the City's Sustainable Business Program

The presentation on the City's Sustainable Business Program to be given by Staff Member Berenice Garcia Tellez was deferred to next month's meeting.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no other business items.

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

The 2018 Q2 Sustainability Plan Progress Report was emailed to Board members on August 15, 2018.

Staff Member Berenice Garcia Tellez, Sustainable Business Specialist, invited Board members to a breakfast meeting for all businesses on Wednesday, October 10th from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Experience Longmont.

9. ITEMS FROM BOARD

Board Member Manoukian stated that the Sustainable Resilient Longmont Board will host their Longmont Sustainability Awards fundraiser on Saturday, September 22nd from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center. Everyone is invited to attend.

10. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m. with motion by Member Collardson and seconded by Member Vollmayer.

The next regular meeting of the Longmont Board of Environmental Affairs is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. at the Service Center, 1100 South Sherman Street, Longmont, Colorado 80501.

Kai Abelkis, Chairperson

Date

Heather McIntyre, Recording Secretary

Date