

BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS MINUTES

December 19, 2018

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

The December 19, 2018 meeting of the Longmont Board of Environmental Affairs was called to order by Chair Kai Abelkis at 3:32 p.m. at the Service Center Water Conference Room.

1. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present at roll call: Kai Abelkis, Kate Collardson, and Wendy Jones

Excused Absence: Board Member Amy Schmidt

Unexcused Absence: Board Members Kay Vollmayer and Violeta Manoukian

City Staff Members Present: Lisa Knoblauch, Annie Noble, Francie Jaffe, and Heather McIntyre. Robert Love arrived at 3:35 p.m.

2. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 17, 2018

Approval of the minutes for the October 17, 2018 meeting was postponed to the January 16, 2019 meeting.

4. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

There was no public in attendance.

5. AGENDA REVISIONS AND SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS

There were no agenda revisions.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Sustainability Plan Year in Review

Staff Member Lisa Knoblauch reviewed progress of the Sustainability Plan throughout 2018. Much of the focus of the last quarter has been on the social equity pieces. It has evolved and expanded to include a strong focus on education and

engagement, the sustainability evaluation system, and collaboration with other communities locally, regionally, and somewhat nationally to assure that Longmont's sustainability efforts are aligned with what is happening outside of the city as well.

Early in the year, staff conducted the first annual review and update of the Sustainability Plan. The update incorporated the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) targets and strategies which came out of the GHG inventory. These are available online on the City's Sustainability webpage. Indicators and metrics were also finalized and will be housed on the Sustainability dashboard, launching in early 2019. In addition, Staff is working on putting together a sustainability purchasing policy.

Staff Member Robert Love shared information about the energy efficiency assessments for the City's facilities to identify where we can save energy. Those assessments have just been completed, so Staff will be working to look at how we can implement increasing efficiencies.

Staff Member Lisa Knoblauch stated that there is money available in the 2019 budget for doing a sizeable event for sustainability. Board input for that event will be requested. Also, the Just Transition Plan, the Sustainable Business program, and SOLL are making progress to their goal of launching in 2019.

B. 2019 Work Plan for BEA

Staff Member Lisa Knoblauch asked the Board what focus areas they would like to address in 2019. Some of the ideas discussed from included:

- Annual review
- Sustainability retreat, possibly in February
- Energy storage research
- Water efficiency
- Update on the building code changes
- PRPA's carbon-neutral goals
- Smart growth presentation
- Air quality, water quality, soil quality monitoring at Union Reservoir
- Vision of Board of Environmental Affairs moving forward

Further discussion ensued about energy efficiencies and costs related to renewable energy sources to Longmont residents.

Chairperson Abelkis excused himself from the meeting at 4:24 p.m. due to another appointment. Board Member Collardson assumed moderation of the meeting.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no other business items.

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no additional items from staff.

9. ITEMS FROM BOARD

There were no additional items from board members.

10. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Longmont Board of Environmental Affairs is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 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