

BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS MINUTES

October 17, 2018

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

The October 17, 2018 meeting of the Longmont Board of Environmental Affairs was called to order by Vice Chair Amy Schmidt at 3:30 p.m. at the Service Center Water Conference Room.

1. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present at roll call: Amy Schmidt, Kay Vollmayer, Kate Collardson, and Violeta Manoukian

Excused Absence: Board Member Kai Abelkis and Staff Member Robert Love

Unexcused Absence: Board Member Wendy Jones

City Staff Members Present: Cal Youngberg, Berenice Garcia Tellez, Francie Jaffe, Annie Noble, J McKnight – Acting Chief Building Official, Joni Marsh – Director of Planning and Development Services, Capt. Michele Goldman – Fire Marshall, and Heather McIntyre

Staff members J McKnight, Joni Marsh, and Capt. Michele Goldman arrived at 3:45 p.m.

2. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 19, 2018

Vice Chairperson Schmidt asked for approval of the September 19, 2018 minutes.

Board Member Vollmayer made a motion to approve the September 19, 2018 minutes; the motion was seconded by Board Member Collardson. The motion passed 4-0.

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. Presentation on the Sustainable Business Program

Staff Member Berenice Garcia Tellez shared a presentation about her work on developing Longmont's Sustainable Business Program, one of the strategies in support of the Economic Vitality objectives in the Sustainability Plan adopted by the City in 2016. This program will be open to all businesses, though focusing initially on small businesses and those already implementing sustainability practices. Longmont will be using the GreenBiz Tracker platform that is already used by cities nationwide to document and track businesses' sustainability. However, Longmont's program is unique in that it will be the first to utilize this platform for social and economic sustainability in addition to environmental factors. Program planning and development are well underway, with a 5-month pilot program of fifteen businesses scheduled to start in the next few months. Full implementation of the Sustainable Business Program is targeted for June 2019.

B. Presentation on Building Code Updates

Staff Members Joni Marsh, Acting Chief Building Official J McKnight, and Longmont Fire Capt. Michele Goldman presented information to the Board about the City's adoption of the International Building Code (IBC) family, which is updated on a 3-year cycle. Longmont works to adopt the new codes as soon as possible after their release, so the 2018 IBC will go into effect January 1, 2019. Staff member McKnight and Capt. Goldman addressed changes directly related to Longmont's Sustainability Plan, including energy conservation and solar energy measures in the Code updates.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no other business items.

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff member Cal Youngberg reported that the City is in the process of implementing a carbon dioxide (CO₂) detector program in accordance with the indoor air quality strategy in the Sustainability Plan. The CO₂ detectors will be available to check out from the library, similar to the radon detectors that have been available for several years. The intent of the CO₂ detector program is to allow citizens to assess the need for improved ventilation of their homes and businesses. Guidelines for acceptable/healthy CO₂ levels will be provided with the detectors, along with

instructions for their use and contact information for questions. The program is scheduled to start in January and will be publicized in conjunction with Radon Awareness Month.

Staff member Youngberg also stated that the next quarterly Sustainability Plan Progress Report will be submitted to Council in the next month and included in the Board information for the December 19, 2018 meeting.

9. ITEMS FROM BOARD

Board Member Manoukian requested Staff to look into including a Smart Growth presentation at a future Board meeting.

10. ITEMS FROM COUNCIL LIAISON

Council member Christensen stated to Board members that although Longmont is a Platte River Power Authority member and has passed a measure to work toward total renewable electricity by 2030, power storage is a main issue of concern in moving toward this goal. She requested Board members to research ideas and options for renewable energy storage systems to give input to City Council on best options and practices available.

10. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m. with motion by Member Manoukian and seconded by Member Vollmayer.

The next regular meeting of the Longmont Board of Environmental Affairs is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. at the Service Center, 1100 South Sherman Street, Longmont, Colorado 80501.

Amy Schmidt, Vice Chairperson

Date

Heather McIntyre, Recording Secretary

Date