

BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS MINUTES

March 20, 2019

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

The March 20, 2019 meeting of the Longmont Board of Environmental Affairs was called to order by Chair Kai Abelkis at 3:33 p.m. at the Service Center Water Conference Room.

1. ROLL CALL

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

City Staff Members Present: Lisa Knoblauch, Annie Noble, Chuck Finleon of LPC, Francie Jaffe, and Heather McIntyre

Council Liaison Present: Polly Christensen arrived at 3:36 p.m.

Public in Attendance: None

2. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 20, 2019

Board member Vollmayer moved to approve the February 20, 2019 minutes; Board member Collardson seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

4. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

There was no public in attendance.

5. AGENDA REVISIONS AND SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS

None.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Just Transition Plan Update

Staff member Francie Jaffe, the City's new Water Conservation & Sustainability Specialist, reviewed the Just Transition Plan and its goals. The goal of the plan is to

work in partnership with the community to ensure a fair, balanced transition to reliable, affordable 100% renewable electricity by 2030. The development of the Plan will first focus on understanding current barriers to resources which low income households have, establishing a baseline for where we are today. Once that is established, the Plan will then focus on how the City can address those barriers to provide equitable access to all as it moves toward its goal of 100% reliable, affordable renewable electricity by 2030.

Sustainability staff are coordinating with other organizations who already work with low-income households to contact these residents through various focus groups and surveys for feedback to understand their current needs and how we can work to provide access for all, both now and in the future. Once feedback is provided and needs are identified, a committee will be created to finalize policy and program recommendations for the Just Transition Plan, with a goal of implementing the Plan by June 2020.

B. Outreach Plan

Staff Member Knoblauch revisited outreach opportunities that were previously discussed by the Board and asked for volunteers to help with creating, hosting, and facilitating such opportunities. Some ideas to increase awareness include: tabling at events, hosting films at the museum or other places, and networking within Board members' spheres of influence. Organization by Board members for these opportunities is needed. Further discussion of ideas was held.

A Sustainability Challenge is planned for this summer, beginning at the City's Cinco de Mayo event and culminating at Rhythm on the River, to raise awareness of different aspects of sustainability. There will be incentives and prizes for people's participation in the Challenge. Volunteers are needed throughout this Challenge.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Sustainability Budget Update

Staff member Knoblauch reviewed the 2019 Sustainability Budget with the Board.

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no other items from staff.

9. ITEMS FROM BOARD

There were no other items from Board members.

10. ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

Council member Christensen shared information with the Board about the rebate on grocery tax which was approved at the March 19, 2019 City Council meeting.

11. **ADJOURN**

Board member Collardson moved to adjourn the meeting; Board member Schmidt seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Longmont Board of Environmental Affairs is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, April 17, 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