

SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA

(Formerly the Board of Environmental Affairs)

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Service Center
1100 South Sherman Street
Longmont, CO 80501

3:30 p.m. – Water Conference Room

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

1. ROLL CALL

2. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

A. May 15, 2019 – Board of Environmental Affairs Regular Meeting

4. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

5. AGENDA REVISIONS AND SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Renewable Energy Panel and Discussion with Longmont Power & Communications and Platte River Power Authority

7. OTHER BUSINESS

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

A. Volunteers for Rhythm on the River

9. ITEMS FROM BOARD

10. ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

11. ADJOURN

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BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS MINUTES

May 15, 2019

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The May 15, 2019 meeting of the Longmont Board of Environmental Affairs was called to order by Chair Kai Abelkis at 3:30 pm at the Service Center Water Conference Room.

1. ROLL CALL

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

Board Members Unexcused: Kay Vollmayer

City Staff Members Present: Annie Noble, Francie Jaffe, Maureen Wallace, Robert Love, David Bell, Ken Huson, Danielle Levine, Dan Wolford, Cal Youngberg, Monica Bortolini, Jamie Freel, and Heather McIntyre

Council Liaison Present: Polly Christensen arrived at 3:35 p.m.

Public in Attendance: Elizabeth Novak, Mike Schnatzmeyer, Shari Malloy, and Paige Lewis

2. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 17, 2019

Board member Schmidt moved to approve the April 17, 2019 minutes; Board member Manoukian seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

4. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

Members of the Public in Attendance requested to make comments in response to the Wildlife Management Plan presentation. Chair Abelkis agreed to allow them to share their responses after the presentation.

5. AGENDA REVISIONS AND SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS

None.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Wildlife Management Plan Update

Staff member Dan Wolford, Public Works & Natural Resources Land Program Administrator and lead on the Wildlife Management Plan Update, presented the Board with updates to the existing Wildlife Management Plan adopted in 2006. These update recommendations for Council encompass a holistic approach to managing Longmont's wildlife for a healthy ecosystem. Some of the recommendations include potential considerations for slightly modifying the recently adopted prairie dog ordinance; refining current code regarding riparian setbacks and its variance process; and promoting best management practices to create biodiversity and quality of life for all of Longmont's wildlife and their habitats.

Further discussion between City staff and Board members ensued. Chair Abelkis invited those present from the public to respond with their comments. Resident Mike Schnatzmeyer stated his concern about recommended riparian setback requirements due to a possibility of becoming a public safety issue and asked the Board to recommend Council *not* approve them, but suggest a smaller setback requirement.

Resident Shari Malloy stated her support for the 150 ft. riparian setback requirements and requested that this be a *minimum*, preferably increasing it to a 300 ft. setback requirement to minimize negative impacts of future flood events on Longmont's people and economy.

B. Button Rock Management Plan Interim Update

Staff member Danielle Levine gave an 8-week progress report on the implementation of the newly adopted interim "dogs on leash, one dog per person" rule at Button Rock Preserve, along with the process initiation for establishing a Button Rock Management Plan. Watershed Ranger Jamie Freel stated that the new rule went into effect on May 1, initiating a temporary education phase to inform the public without issuing warnings or violations. He reported that he already sees a positive difference from the impact that unleashed dogs were having on the Preserve.

Other staff members who are contributing work on Management Plan were also present and shared information about their particular aspects of the Plan formation. Staff member Cal Youngberg reported that this Plan is one of the first to be filtered through the Sustainability SES tool designed to ensure sustainability-related processes are included in the Plan.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff member Annie Noble stated that the quarterly progress report for the Sustainability program, which was included in the Board's packet, will be provided as an informational item to City Council on May 14, 2019.

9. ITEMS FROM BOARD

There were no other items from Board members.

10. ITEMS FROM COUNCIL LIAISON

Council member Christensen reported that the resolution to change the Board's name to the Sustainability Advisory Board passed First Reading and is scheduled for Second Reading on May 28, 2019.

10. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Abelkis at 5:00 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Longmont Board of Environmental Affairs is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, June 19, 2019, at 3:30 pm at the Service Center, 1100 South Sherman Street, Longmont, Colorado 80501.

Kai Abelkis, Chairperson

Date

Heather McIntyre, Recording Secretary

Date