

SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

January 15, 2020

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

The January 15, 2020 meeting of the Longmont Sustainability Advisory Board was called to order by Vice Chair Violeta Manoukian at 3:30 pm at the Service Center Water Conference Room.

1. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present at roll call: Mary Lin, Jim Metcalf, Cody Flagg, Kate Collardson, and Violeta Manoukian. Kay Vollmayer arrived at 4:15 pm.

Board Members Excused: Kai Abelkis

City Staff Members Present: Annie Noble, Francie Jaffe, and Maureen Wallace

Council Liaison Polly Christensen was not present for the meeting.

Public in Attendance: Amanda Bybee

2. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 20, 2019

Board member Metcalf moved to approve the November 20, 2019 minutes; Board member Collardson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

4. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

Members of the public in attendance did not have anything they wanted to share at this time.

5. AGENDA REVISIONS AND SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS

None.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. 2020 Focus Areas

The purpose of this agenda item was to identify sustainability topic areas that the Board would like to focus on in 2020, and to put placeholders on the calendar and assign follow-up responsibilities to coordinate these efforts. Staff member Annie Noble reviewed several items that Staff is currently working on related to City Council's declared climate emergency last fall. Due to those priorities, the 2020 focus areas are already well defined through May or June, and include work on climate change through

the Climate Action Task Force, the Just Transition Plan, a greenhouse gas inventory update, and an equitable carbon-free transportation/electric vehicle roadmap.

She also explained that staff is working to identify City projects across the organization to use the Sustainability Evaluation System (SES) tool on as these projects develop. Some of those projects of particular interest to the Board include work on the Oligarchy Ditch, the Resilient St. Vrain Project (RSVP) focusing on flood mitigation, looking for nutrient removal alternatives in the wastewater treatment plant, expansion of the Nelson Flanders Water Treatment Plant, and the transportation and roadways projects.

The Board spent significant time discussing other possible focus areas for the second half of 2020, which included the following topics:

- a presentation from the City of Boulder on their approach in their Climate Mobilization Action Plan
- the effects of 5G
- water conservation and efficiency
- electrification and renewables
- an update on the Sustainability Plan and Envision Longmont
- pesticides and insects/pollinators
- an update from Waste Services regarding recycling and composting
- a presentation by Ginny Black for the Citizens for Climate Lobby on the carbon tax
- public education (residential and commercial)

7. OTHER BUSINESS

None

9. ITEMS FROM BOARD

Items from the Board were included as part of the 2020 Focus Areas discussion.

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

A. Climate Action Task Force Update

Staff member Noble provided a brief review of the purpose and scope of work for the Climate Action Task Force (CATF), which was appointed by City Council in October 2019. They had their first meeting in December 2019 where they identified eight draft topic areas of focus. Per Council’s direction, they will be required to bring recommendations for action to Council within 120 days of their first meeting, which will be around the beginning of April 2020.

Discussion followed regarding the Sustainability Board role relative to the CATF. The Sustainability Board has a broader focus on all Sustainability topics. The CATF is focused on making recommendations to Council on actions that can be taken to reduce impacts on climate change. Recommendations of the CATF will be taken to the Sustainability Board for review.

B. Sustainability Coalition Update

Staff member Francie Jaffe notified the Board that the meeting dates for the Sustainability Coalition were moved to avoid conflicting with City Council meetings on Tuesday nights. The Sustainability Coalition will meet quarterly on the following Wednesdays in 2020: February 12, May 13, August 12, and November 4.

Board member Kate Collardson participated in the Coalition in 2019 as a representative from the Sustainability Advisory Board. She volunteered to continue as the Board’s representative in 2020.

C. Just Transition Plan Update

Staff member Jaffe reviewed the Just Transition Plan as a reminder to the Board and provided an update on the progress being made in its implementation. She stated that the Just Transition Plan Committee would hold their first meeting later that evening. This committee is comprised of eight community members and three staff members whose focus is on providing ideas and recommendations to the Climate Action Task Force and City Council on how to create equitable and sustainable actions in our transition to 100% renewable electricity by 2030 that is reliable and affordable.

10. ITEMS FROM COUNCIL LIAISON

None

11. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned by Vice Chair Manoukian at 4:44 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Longmont Sustainability Advisory Board is scheduled for Wednesday, February 19, 2020, at 3:30 pm at the Service Center, 1100 South Sherman Street, Longmont, Colorado 80501.

Violeta Manoukian, Vice Chair

Date

Heather McIntyre, Recording Secretary

Date