

# Lafayette Waste Reduction Advisory Committee Meeting

## October 3, 2019

### Minutes

**Call to Order:** by Chair LeBeau at 6:38 PM.

**Attendance:** Becky Tyer, Matt LeBeau, Becky O'Brien, Jonathan Hanst, Jenn Dingman, Tony Raeker (Staff Liaison), Stephanie Walton (Council Liaison),

**Minutes:** The minutes of September 5, 2019 were approved unanimously with a motion from Becky O with a second by Jenn.

**Public Comment:** There were no public comments.

**Council/RCAB Update:** Councilor Walton gave an overview of the PROST Plan, and the Council workshop with the Youth Advisory Committee and the Senior Advisory Board. She also went over efforts by the County and RCAB to research using the sustainability tax to build a construction and demolition waste and/or compost facility. There are meetings on the topic October 9 and October 23. Tony will attend the meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Staff Update:** Tony covered PAYT HOA meetings and the dates for the ones with residents (October 16 and 24, both 6:30 – 7:30 in Council chambers). He noted that efforts to begin work on C&D waste and commercial waste have begun, but that they will be far more complex. Staff will also develop a list of questions to aid in developing grant ideas so the committee can respond faster to grant opportunities. Finally, he described efforts to allow City committees to grant excused absences for certain reasons (maternity leave, medical, family emergency, etc.). The Committee discussed the idea and Becky O made a motion to recommend to Council that committees be allowed to grant two excused absences per six-month period for medical reasons or family emergency, and one absence per six months for travel when the Chair and Staff Liaison are notified 30 days ahead of time. There was a second by Matt and passed unanimously.

**Fall retreat:** The fall retreat will occur on Sunday, November 3 from 9:00 – 1:00. Jenn is researching several possible options and waiting to hear back from the locations. The Committee requested Tony add the following items to the retreat agenda: creating a process to develop ideas for waste grants, reviewing the County's zero waste tool kit, budget planning, projects with schools, overall volunteer coordination, the future of compostable products (see article sent out in April), and reducing plastic as a climate solution.

**September Art Night Out:** The event went great and was a good close to the season. Tony will ask Rachel and Booker about the possibility of having just one set of volunteers, though WRAC would still help recruit.

**Migratory bird event:** the bird event went really well, Becky T received a number of questions, and diverted some plastic recyclables.

**Marda Kirn's proposal:** Matt is going to review the proposal for discussion in November.

**Food recovery:** Starbucks has been quite variable, and some of the foods were too old. The

group is checking dates more vigorously. The catering company Kali works for has begun participating, and we're hoping to get more caterers. Josephine Commons does not want foods from Oatmeal Festival this January.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 8:00 by a unanimous vote with a motion by Becky O and a second by Becky T.

**November 7, 2019 Meeting Agenda**

Approval of Minutes October 3, 2019  
Public Comment/Input  
Staff Update (Discussion)  
Council Annual Report (Discussion)  
Old/New Business (Discussion/Information)

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City of Lafayette, Colorado

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Tony Raeker  
Staff Liaison

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Waste Reduction Advisory Committee  
Matt Le Beau, Chair