

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF LAFAYETTE, COLORADO**

**Waste Reduction Advisory Committee Meeting
May 5, 2022**

I. OPENING OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

Call to Order

The May 5, 2022 meeting of the Lafayette Waste Reduction Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:39pm.

Roll Call

Those in attendance from WRAC were Committee Chair Adam Gianola, Vice Chair Jen Dingman and Committee Members Rebecca Tyer, and Kathy Wertz.

Absent: Committee Secretary Matt LeBeau and Committee Member Rosie Briggs.

City participant included Board liaison Elizabeth Szorad and City Council liaison Tim Barnes.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Rebecca Tyer and seconded by David Fridland to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2022 WRAC meeting with edits. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC INPUT

A. None.

IV. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Staff Updates

a. Boulder County Grant 2022:

b. *Eco-Tober:* No updates. Will meet later in May,

c. *Hard to Recycle Event:* 235 cars came through (did not count repeats) the event. Still receiving the total pounds, but for electronics we had 7,300 lbs., 350 lbs. of plastic film, and 200 lbs. of Styrofoam. Great feedback, Szorad and Bullen (Sustainability Fellow) to create a report to share with Council on waste diversion. Gianola asked if all spots were reserved for the event, Szorad specified yes.

d. *Green Business Program:* Webpage is up and running, there a few edits that need to be made but will be final by end of May. Szorad will share the business videos on social media to promote the program starting in June, this corresponds to the PACE Fellow talking to businesses. Dingman is Lafayette's PACE Fellow.

e. *Staffing Support:* Just wrapped up Earth Day Every Day.

f. *Electric Tools for Open Space:* Had 47 volunteers for the Volunteer event, great attendance even with the weather.

- g. EV: Audit has been completed at golf maintenance facility, will be speaking to consultants tomorrow about results. Fridland asked about regional support on EV infrastructure, the City is working on this with other municipalities.

B. Council Liaison Update

- a. Water portfolio is expensive but necessary. However, Goosehaven storage area is expanding, there will be future water resources within the City limits. No water restrictions for now, will be observing levels.
- b. Boulder County has funds to cover debt for water bills. Residents can take advantage of this to have relief.
- c. City of Lafayette has hired a Poet Laureate for a two-year contract to work with the Arts and Culture Department.

C. Other Business

- a. Solid Waste Contract: Szorad is very close to a final contract, set to go to Council on May 17. Szorad would like to include WRAC support on Contract. Szorad went through the critical pieces of the contract negotiation. A motion was made by Adam Gianola and seconded by Matt LeBeau to support Council's ratification of Republic's contract.
- b. FRWD Grant Application Exploration: Fridland wanted to ensure WRAC was aware of grant changes. There are large grant dollars available for municipalities, businesses, etc. to take advantage of. The change requires a letter of intent from potential applicants and applicants must be invited to apply. Brainstormed potential ideas for the grant.
- c. Zero Waste Grant Member Support: Szorad reminded everyone to get their comments in about local businesses – need by mid-May to start coding and building a beta version of the content.
- d. Art Night Out Volunteer: Szorad is looking for two more volunteers to help with Zero Waste Stations at Art Night Out on April 23. One time slot is from 5:00-7:00pm and the other is 7:00pm – 9:00pm. Republic Services will be weighing each back to calculate a diversion percentage for each event.
- e. Gas-Powered Mower/Blower Take Back Event: Szorad is looking for one volunteer to help with the event, specifically the mower/blower take back from 11am – 2pm on May 14. Szorad will also ask LESAC for volunteers.
- f. Sustainability Advisory Board Brainstorm: Special Meeting to be on May 25 with LESAC. Szorad asked if Gianola bring the basics of bylaws at this special meeting.
- g. Plastic Free July: Szorad asked if WRAC would like to organize a workshop for Plastic Free July or know if Eco-Cycle is doing something. Staff would like to host one workshop regarding reducing plastic or other to promote outreach and education. WRAC could work with Bullen, Sustainability Fellow, for this workshop. WRAC is interested in hosting an event.
- h. Project Updates:
 - a. Community Events - Zero Waste Ordinance: Tyer will get language to Szorad for the Ordinance.

- b. Mandatory Recycling and Composting: Potential to model after Boulder but can take a step further. Banning cardboard from the landfill – similar to Fort Collins. Fridland asked how Council would feel about this type of Ordinance.
- c. Outreach and Education: Dingman helped facilitate the screening of Motherload for the Sustainability Film Series. Earth Day, Every Day Celebration table went great. Residents loved the compost bins and wanting to distribute these more. LeBeau is interested in QR codes to help individuals at events.
- d. Communications: None.

V. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

ATTEST

CITY OF LAFAYETTE, COLORADO

Elizabeth Szorad, Staff Liaison

Adam Gianola, WRAC Chair

The minutes herein are a summary of the business conducted at this meeting, not a verbatim transcript. Only the actions taken and the text appearing in quotation marks are verbatim.