

**Nederland Sustainability Advisory Board**  
Meeting Minutes, 2011-11-02  
Nederland Community Center

Attendees: Chris Dwyer, Greg Willson, Alan Apt, Jesse Seavers, Dallas Masters, Kevin Mueller, Kyle Busey

Guests: Dennis Ducket

**1. Approval of Minutes from 2011-10-05**

*Action: Motion by Alan Apt to approve minutes, seconded by Kyle Busey, passed unanimously.*

**2. Additional Recommendations to BOT on Sidewalk Phase 2**

*Discussion:* The BOT discussed Sidewalk Phase 2 at its previous meeting but did not vote. Therefore, SAB can provide further guidance/recommendations for the upcoming DDA/BOT workshop and the next BOT meeting. Chris Dwyer would like to strengthen and provide more details for the SAB recommendation to BOT. There was a roundtable discussion on various ideas. Chris Dwyer suggested that Sidewalks Phase 2 did not address sustainability and should be postponed until that occurred and possibly canceled if it did not. Dallas Masters suggested that the process was flawed but that the DDA and other groups had the approval of the BOT and had been working hard for many years, honestly trying to address issues without any formal structure or goals defined for them except for what was in previous documents/discussions. He thought the SAB should help Sidewalks Phase 2 become as sustainable as it could be given limitations of the grant and that the SAB could use this experience to formulate a better policy on future projects. Dennis Ducket thought the petition against the project should have more weight. Kevin Mueller suggested a few distinct recommendations that could be appended to the last SAB recommendation and could be communicated to the BOT. Jesse Seavers suggested that the survey should communicate that the Town was awarded this grant would like to insure that the grant money addresses sustainability goals and real needs of citizens and that the survey responses will help inform the design process to that effect. Dallas Masters suggested that Jesse's summary be prominently displayed as the introduction to the survey.

*Action: Chris Dwyer moved that we strengthen the language of the SAB recommendation to the BOT with the list of items provided by Kevin Mueller:*

***The DDA develop a Statement of Need that includes:***

- *Documented public input, a survey. (Intro by Jesse, the need for improved circulation has already been vetted. We need to determine what locations should be focused on that will result in increased/improved circulation, i.e. help the Town determine where and how to utilize our resources regarding non-vehicular circulation)*
- *Survey shall address locations of highest use and attempt to prioritize sections proposed in Attachment Exhibit C of the 2005 Master Trails Plan. Please describe paths used and destinations linked. Are there paths*

*being used that are not included in the Attachment Exhibit C? How do you think walkability can be improved in Town?*

- *Survey shall gather data on citizens that require assistance for mobility. What special needs are required and how are those needs being satisfied currently? What improvements would you like to see and why?*
- *How often do you or others from your household use RTD? Which stops do you use and why? What mode of transportation is used to get to and from bus stops? Do you load bikes and/or luggage? What improvements would you like to see and why regarding RTD service to Nederland?*
- *Target populations to be served by this project*
- *How this project's implementation will satisfy the Town's Vision, Goals and previous resolutions regarding sustainability and environmental preferable practices*
- *Absence of unsupported assumptions*
- *Survey language shall be reviewed by SAB, PC with final approval by BoT.*

***Project required to have measurable design/project goals and objectives:***

- *Acquire a ranking of at least 2 stars (out of a possible 4) in The Sustainable Site Initiative rating system.*
- *No net increase in stormwater runoff to the receiving streams.*
- *No net decrease in bio-diversity*
- *Develop Low Impact Maintenance Plan that is considered at each step of design and construction*

*The motion was seconded by Alan Apt and passed unanimously.*

### **3. Creation of Town Project Guidelines**

***Discussion:***

Dallas Masters continued on the idea that the Town does not have a formal document describing the process and steps that projects must undergo, and that the recent controversy over Sidewalks Phase 2 could have been alleviated if such a process was well-defined and implemented.

***Action:*** *He moved that SAB recommend to the BOT that it create a set of guidelines for projects and these guidelines be reviewed by the BOT and adopted by staff and all Town boards for future projects. Seconded by Kyle Busey and passed unanimously.*

### **4. Eco-Pass for town residents status**

***Discussion:*** Dallas Masters summarized that the Eco Pass was funded for two years and that the County transportation group is pursuing the program to start in early 2012. A possible hiccup is that RTD would like to wait until the Smart Card program is ready. The County suggested that the mayor should write a letter to the RTD board requesting the program start in January. They also advised that the SAB and volunteers start organizing the program and that they would probably be the group managing the program in Nederland. Chris Dwyer also noted that the SAB should begin thinking about

how to make the program financially sustainable after the two-year subsidy fades.

**Action:** *Dallas Masters moved that the SAB recommend to the BOT that the mayor should write a letter to the RTD board stressing the desire for the Eco Pass program in Nederland and requesting it start in January as budgeted. The letter should be delivered before Dec. 1. Seconded by Alan Apt and approved unanimously.*

#### **5. Publicizing Solar Gardens with Town Communications**

**Discussion:** It was noted that the BOT did not address the recommendation by SAB to use Town communication resources to help Greg Ching's campaign to recruit participants in local Solar Gardens. Alan Apt suggested that the SAB also recommend that the DDA and new chamber group get involved since business owners may benefit from the program.

**Action:** *Alan Apt moved that the SAB reiterate the previous recommendation to the BOT and include an additional recommendation that the DDA and new chamber get involved with the Solar Gardens Project.*

#### **6. Banning BPA**

**Discussion:** Greg Willson suggested discussion on a BPA ban in Nederland. Due to time, the further discussion will happen a future meeting.

#### **7. Fracking Ban**

**Discussion:** Alan Apt suggested discussion on a fracking ban in Nederland following similar bans in other municipalities. Alan will research the idea further and bring back at a future meeting.

#### **8. Composting Program Update**

**Discussion:** Greg Willson gave an update on the NRCC composting. The Town agreed to site the earth Tubs at the existing Town shop facility. NRCC is paying the insurance., and the group is going after more funding. They plan to collect waste from the schools and upcoming Thanksgiving dinner. They are also pursuing colocating recycling containers next to trash containers around town.