

Nederland Sustainability Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes, 2012-01-04
Nederland Community Center

Members: Greg Willson, Alan Apt, Dallas Masters, Chris Perret
Guests: Annette Croughwell, Joe Gierlach, Scott McCarey, Geneva Mixon, Chelsea Gittle, Stephanie Miller, Dave Hatchimonji, Lea Yancey, Alisha Reis

1. Eco-Pass Planning

Discussion: Scott McCarey from Boulder County Transportation led a discussion of the steps needed to get the Eco-Pass program in place. He suggested we follow the model used by Lyons and set three sign-up dates where staff and volunteers will collect info and take photos of applicants. He stressed that advertising material should make it clear that only residents of both the library district and Boulder County are eligible. Proof of residency shall include any current bills, state identification, or rental leases with the physical address. Scott and others from the County will be on-hand for the sign-up sessions, and Dave Hatchimonji would like to set up a table for EnergySmart info. Dave Hatchimonji offered one EnergySmart Home Audit (\$120) to give away as an incentive for the Eco-Pass program. Alisha Reis discussed dates, and it was agreed to pursue library location in late January to give enough time to advertise. Dallas Masters suggested signing up people before/after Backdoor Theater shows through January as well.

2. EnergySmart Update

Discussion: Dave Hatchimonji and Lea Yancey from Boulder County gave an update and discussion on the EnergySmart program. Currently there are 13 homeowners and 35 businesses in Nederland that are participating. It was agreed that the SAB and Town Hall would pursue more advertising of this program to Town residents and business owners.

3. Scorecard

Discussion: There was a general discussion of the scorecard and how it should be used/implemented. Joe Gierlach said the BOT had discussed it at their last meeting, and they were leaning to not adopt it officially but wanted to have it be a "living" document. There was some discussion if it would be required for both public and private projects, and it was noted that the scorecard can only be suggested to private parties since it is not part of Town code. Dallas Masters suggested that the scorecard is just one instrument in a set of project guidelines the SAB had discussed previously, and that these guidelines should be officially adopted to direct staff, boards, and third parties on how all Town public projects develop and proceed. The present BOT members thought this was a good path to follow, and it was agreed to put this on the SAB's upcoming agendas.

4. Nominations of new members

Discussion: Greg Willson suggested the SAB recommend Geneva Mixon and Chelsea Gittle to the BOT for appointment to the SAB. All agreed they were good candidates. Since Town Hall was still accepting applications and the SAB did not have access to all applications yet, Dallas Masters suggested that the SAB not make any recommendations to the BOT.

5. Chicken Hen Permit

Discussion: Greg Willson suggested that the chicken hen permit fee (\$50, one-time) be waived for low income applicants. Geneva Mixon noted it was difficult for Town Hall staff to administer low-income waivers and that the enforcement of the permits would be complaint-driven.

6. Emergency Housing

Discussion: Greg Willson asked if there was any discussion on the proposal for emergency housing in Community Center out-buildings. Joe Gierlach suggested it was a human services issue and there was not much to be discussed by the SAB.