



**Nederland Sustainability Advisory Board**  
**Meeting MINUTES**  
**June 10, 2013, 6-7:30p.m. @ Nederland Library**

**SAB members present:** Jesse, Jody, Peter, Diana, Greg  
**Guests:** Kevin Mueller, Alicia Reis, Alvin Mites, Cynthia Bakke  
**Secretary:** Diana Maggiore, Greg Willson

**I. New Members:**

- ***Motion made to accept Cynthia's application. Motion passes unanimously.***
- ***Motion made to extend Greg on SAB. Motion passes unanimously.***

**II. Comprehensive Plan Update report presented (Alicia)**

- Plan structure - "Sustainability" is not a separate chapter in the Comp Plan, instead it is woven into all parts – Community Facilities, Housing, Transportation, Economy, Utilities, Land Use. Education. Tourism required by law.
- Definition of Sustainability: Previously, Nederland had been relying on 3-legged stool, but along the way changed to nested model, that society and economy are dependent on having a healthy environment. People come here for recreation and our beautiful surroundings. "When a systems view is used, emphasis shifts specifically to the ecological limits imposed on the economy and society. (ie, carrying capacity)." The plan updated wants sustainability to action-oriented and quantified. Actions and indicators should reveal common goals and compel change. Suggestion that the language used is more embraceable by the community in the whole, ie, needs to be wordsmithed.

***Motion: Does SAB support the nested model instead of the 3-legged stool, going forward?***  
***Motion made to accept nested model. Motion passes unanimously.***

- Initial thoughts from SAB members upon first reading/draft of the Comp plan:
  - Peter: solid waste needs to be addressed, reference to mycelium. Pathway to elementary school for pedestrians and emergency vehicles only. Include Biomimicry diagram from Dennis's SAP.
  - Jody: Likes that sustainability is foundation for whole community and plan. Make sure words capture intent and can be read by layperson.
  - Greg: Town should Actively seek resources [and energy] to fund sustainability projects which are shown to save the town money and increase the value of natural capital.
  - Jesse: Digital execution, more contrast hard to read. Stall until SAP is up to speed.
  - Kevin: Wordsmithing needed p. 7 "sustainable communities." Missing a little bit of the future Ned in each section. What are we going to do next? Backcasting get a vision of where we want to be. Chapter 5-Action Plans-educate community for what sustainability....changing models from 3 legged to nested, we don't want to lose folks, on-going education forums, what it means in general & what are we doing here. For ourselves and visitors
  - Peter talks about conversation earlier with Kevin about working on Visitors' Center, what does tourism mean, it is not really sustainable....Kevin didn't want to go into that, but said they mentioned aspects about tourism that is NOT sustainable...are we promoting tourism? Some folks in community are, some are not. Being a sustainable community will educate people i.e. ride the bus to visit here using public transpo. Greg -do we subsidize it to encourage alternate transit? Kevin- the further out we go with vision the better, we have to create this...
  - Diana - specific comments - P. 19,35,36 -transitioning from septic to sewer, document is contradictory. Greywater use mentioned, is it legal for septic? p.21,30 -Visitors' Center-people will have to be trained to speak on sustainability, and re-trained as new initiatives are implemented. Who/how will do this? p.24,43 -Parking study and safe routes were identified to have lack of signage, but ppl will not want more signage or paint striping, can be met with flak from community members. p38



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- GIS mapping—procedures will have to be in place to update GIS for any new projects. p22-not a very attractive photo of Town—gray skies. p.22,23Growth Control- are they talking about population? Alisha says no.

Cynthia – Wording make sense to masses so they are excited. To quote Bill Mollison, father of Permaculture, “problems of world are complex but solutions are embarassingly simple. Permaculture is a broad field encompassing Food Forests, Architectural Design, and Gardening among other sustainable practices.

- **ACTION ITEM FOR SAB MEMBERS:**

Alicia asked asked SAB to provide feedback on [Chapter 5 action steps and Definition of Sustainability page 7](#). Specific comment, page numbers. Include in commentary estimated timeline for SAP. **Please email your suggestions directly to Jesse by June 18.**

III. Scorecard (Diana) - Tabled until next meeting

IV. Marijuana Task Force – Tabled until next meeting

V. Mushroom mycelium to upcycle biosolids to landuse compost (Alvin)

- Mycelium are Nature’s recyclers. Regulations required by Dept of CO Hazardous Waste. Need to find a place. Put sludge in tanks, vacuum, mix with pine sludge heavily inoculated, anaerobic, healthy compost can be legally distributed. Could be saleable product, high in Nitrogen. Could be green business. Asking for \$2500 from Ned, Peter says we could write another grant or have town find the money, wastewater treatment fund.

Greg: Dialogue with Steamboat landfill about making a value added compost product for filtering petrochemical waste.

Peter – feds are spending money on mycelium, will forward that info to members of SAB.

Greg- Beetle kill processing plant 14 slash loads will be sent downhill, would like to store that up here and make use of them.

Kevin: we will keep south pond for discharge. After 14 months, Purchase screw press to dewater that pond. Looking for solutions to not haul water down hill.

- **Motion for SAB to support this project in principle, subject to an itemized budget and identifying funding source by BOT. Motion passes unanimously.**

- **ACTION ITEM FOR Alvin: Specify an itemized budget for how the requested money will be used and present to BOT.**

VI. Sustainability Action Plan (Jesse)

- Jesse - Dennis Duckett is activist voice in community, have him spearhead a community discussion. Peter proposes we are not ready for this yet, to use Boulder’s plan as outline, use Boulder’s language... incorporate the gems from Dennis’s SAP, but remove negativity and lecturing. Greg suggests that it is important to have a plan that emphasizes cost savings and protection of our natural capital with new practices while use the coordinator that we’re going to hire to target opportunities for funding. Jody – positive way to approach Dennis’s work is to use the coordinator incorporating Dennis’s ideas and the Boulder plan.

**Motion for meeting to be extended by 15 minutes. Motion passes unanimously.**



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Kevin: Comp plan coordinator position ends at end of July. BOT to approve RFP for Sust. Coordinator July 2. Suggestion that SAB approve Comp plan with condition that it is open to revision, ask consultants to make minor revisions in November after the SAP is created.

***Motion SAB wants Comp Plan to include an action item that Ned create a Sustainability Action Plan. Motion Passes unanimously.***

**VII. Sustainability Coordinator Position**

- Matching Grant from Boulder County makes it possible for Ned to hire hire a sustainability coordinator that will create SAP for Ned, incorporating Comp Plan, Dennis's Plan and other town initiatives.
- **ACTION ITEM FOR SAB MEMBERS:**  
SAB members to send notes to Jesse about skillset for Sustainability Coordinator position by June 22.

**VII. SAB Outreach and Engagement -**

- Peter- look at page on the town site. Alicia wants control of it. We want clips, cool stuff, exciting stuff. We want to manage an iframe of content to help educate the public and develop public discourse.
- **ACTION ITEM FOR SAB MEMBERS:**  
SAB members to send suggestions to Peter about [SAB website](#) by next meeting, July 8

Meeting adjourned