



**TOWN OF NEDERLAND  
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

Nederland Community Center  
Community Center Conference Room  
Date, 2015, 7:15 P.M.

**Meeting Minutes**

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**A. CALL TO ORDER:** 7:19

**B. ROLL CALL:** Camille Thorson, Diana Maggiore, Jesse Seavers, Melody Baumhover, David Hatchimonji

Absent – Peter Fiori, Jody Andrews

**C. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**1. Boulder County Sustainability Office Updates**

- Nederland applied for a \$15,000 grant to reduce single-use water bottle usage. Will be used to install water fountains to fill up water bottles and the Town will institute a policy to ban single-use bottles from Town meetings. Contact Kathy Weiss for more information.

- Boulder County Solar Benefits program is available in a solar co-op form. They work with Namaste Solar to install.

- Diana Maggiore is giving a SAB perspective to the various Boulder County relations to Nederland about sustainability initiatives. Bo. Co. has the following programs available: Energy Smart (rebates and incentives to reduce energy use), Electric Vehicle incentives, ZeroWaste, and Low-income weatherization (federal program run locally in conjunction with Longs Peak Conservation; program to retrofit homes for energy efficiency at no cost if <200% poverty level, or 50% subsidized if <80% median income. BoCo working with Nederland is extending the efficient toilet rebate for businesses to include residences until April 15 (\$200 rebate for installation of a low-flow toilet which uses 1.6 gal/flush).

- Diana will write up some blurbs to present these sustainability initiatives and others to the public (Facebook, paper, etc.) and all SAB members agreed she has authority to write and publish these for the group. We will all assist in forwarding communications to friends/neighbors when necessary.

## **2. Energy Code Update**

- The mayor's task force reviewed this code, and some community members, including Mark Stringfellow, voiced opposition to some measures of the 2015 IECC, specifically forced mechanical ventilation.
- A German-style passive house uses heat exchange (house's outgoing air comes in contact with the cool entering air), to increase efficiency of mechanical ventilation.
- There is not agreement of opinion on the adoption of the most recent IECC. We will continue to gather information . David suggested we invite Ron Flax (a suggestion was made to have this be our joint BOT work session) to give a presentation on the IECC updates and the pros and cons of Nederland making these updates.
- The main point of passing these updates would be to make new homes (the possibility of at least 40 new homes being built in Nederland in the next couple of years) built with energy efficiency in mind. There is not currently any laws to encourage such building.

## **3. Noxious Weed Subcommittee Update**

- A lack of success recruiting volunteers last year means that they may not hold public weed pulls as they have in the past.
- Instead, they will focus on educating the public in identification of these weeds. They will hold an event/walk for this purpose.
- They meet for the first time this year next week./

## **4. Community Agriculture Subcommittee Update**

- The committee established working groups focused on various SAB initiatives, including community greenhouse, farmers' market, and seeds (we have a lot that have been donated! Thank you to BBB Seed).
- Elizabeth Allen is working hard and doing well establishing the Friends of the Community Garden. She is asking the BOT on March 15 for \$600 water fee waiver and \$350 for miscellaneous expenditures like fencing and tools. She asks for a support letter addressed to the BOT from SAB.

- A public garden event is in the works, possibly held on March 29 at the Community Center. This event will introduce the Community Garden, Victory Gardens (Jim and Wendy who SAB met with in 2015), and other Community Agriculture initiatives.

## **5. Farmers Market Update**

- Camille is working on compiling a list of possible vendors; Diana and others have sent her suggestions. She will need volunteers to contact these people as well as help with the business side of things. Jesse said he could help with business things, Melody is in the Ag committee work group on this issue and will help with contacting vendors.

## **6. RCAB Update**

- Camille is our representative for these monthly meetings in Boulder.
- Boulder Milestones: the bag fee reduced 69% of plastic bags. About 30 million were used before the fee, about 9 million were used last year. They are working on how to further reduce consumption.
- There is a Recycle Bin initiative for businesses in Boulder through PACE.
- County voting in November will include a proposal for Sustainability Tax that will distribute compost pilot programs like the one in Nederland. They envision in the future a central compost pile in Boulder that would encompass the whole area.

## **7. NedCompost Update**

- Many members stepped off the board. Jesse and Alvin are now running the group with Yuka. Sage was hired to bike around town and pick up compost. They currently have between 20 and 30 customers, and they lost many customers when they closed the drop-off service at the building. They would be willing to hire more bikers if there were more customers.
- Just ordered a new trailer from a biking recycle service company to make transporting compost easier.
- The current service area is homes in Town limits (except Big Springs development). Current price is \$10/mo, pickup twice monthly. The restaurants in Nederland would like the service, but NedCompost needs to pursue signing them up as customers.

- New website design and promotion.
- Looking to get an electric-assisted FAT bike to haul compost with the new trailer.
- The Earth Tubs that were on loan from Boulder County were recently donated to NedCompost. (YAY!)
- Future plans are to add a curbside recycle service with compost pick up.
- Working on a strategy to get almost all residents on a compost service.
- Currently have a back stock of compost that they need to figure out what to do with. The state is working on making small compost business regulations less stringent, but currently cannot sell the compost without expensive testing. NedCompost wants to distribute the compost to the community, possibly at the Farmers' Market, donations to local ag organizations, and giving away for a suggested donation amount.
- David asked if we have a ZeroWaste policy in Town. We currently have a policy that applies to Town events, though enforcement is needed. We still need to work on a town-wide policy.

#### **8. Excel Energy Audit – David:**

- Through Excel, we can get a whole Town energy audit to see how we can reduce energy use per capita.
- It is a one-time request to get yearly reports every June by town sector.
- Reports rebates utilized, green energy options utilized, and all on a publicly viewable site.
- We can compare our report to other Towns serviced by Excel.

#### **D. ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Motion to approve Letter of Support to the BOT for the Community Garden. Motion by: Camille Thorson. Seconded by: Jesse Seavers. All in favor.**
2. **Motion to approve February Minutes. Motion by: Camille Thorson. Seconded by: Jesse Seavers. All in favor.**
3. **Motion to give Diana authority to send emails and make electronic posts about Town and Boulder County sustainability projects and initiatives. Motion by: Jesse Seavers. Seconded by: Camille Thorson. All in favor.**

#### **E. OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Jesse is curious about numbers on the Transfer Station so that we can learn how to reduce waste. How can we measure it? David will help with contacts.
- Hauler ordinances require trash companies to report their hauling. Perhaps we can pass one in Nederland to cover the waste that does not go through the Transfer Station.

F. ADJOURNMENT: 9:00