



REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

Nederland Community Center
Community Center Conference Room
July 27 2017, 7:15 P.M.

Meeting Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:21 PM

B. ROLL CALL: Members Present: Jake Aho, Melody Baumhover, Kelly Grebe, Amy Ransom, Camille Thorson

Members Absent: Kevin Mueller

Community Members Present: David Hathchimonji, Jennifer Morse, Eryka Thorley

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Ron Mitchell's Downtown Development Concept Scorecard

The DDA is unsure of their stance on the project, and unsure of its ability for funding and completion. SAB wants to look into what could increase his project's sustainability and how to communicate that to Ron. We need more project specifics (i.e. how much solar vs. energy demand, what type of building materials are planned for use) to assess and understand his commitment to sustainability. Kelly will continue to speak with Katrina so that the SAB and DDA efforts are aligned.

2. SAB Scorecard Verbiage

The general layout and verbiage of the scorecard is agreed upon. However, it is difficult to rate projects if they do not include enough specifics that relate to the scorecard questions. SAB agreed that in the future we will send the scorecard to interested parties before they present a project so that their presentation and materials can be informed by our view of sustainability.

3. Climate Together Nederland

a. Should it be a subcommittee or other legal entity (i.e. non-profit or foundation)? Some groups worry working with government will hinder the project, and we need to be conscious about the “sale” of the 100% Renewable commitment. Is it possible to have both? Climate Together Nederland will continue to discuss options.

b. Outreach. CTN is attempting to have a booth at Nedfest and a Sustainability Event at the end of October (TBD). They would use it as an educational opportunity and have fun demonstrations on renewable technologies (solar oven, bike-powered bubble machine). They will move forward with asking for waived fees at events. If they cannot get a free booth space, perhaps we can ask for a discounted fee and ask Town Hall to pay for SAB booth that CTN can operate out of with other local sustainability info (like the Info booth at the Farmers Market). We will check on this again in August.

c. BOT Presentation and 100% Renewable Proposal. On either the 1st or 15th of August, CTN will present a 5 min. recap of the info session and propose a resolution to be voted on (see last page for resolution draft). Mayor would like the time line shortened, but as a group we feel 2030 is reasonable and will still present a challenge. We need a 100kw renewable system for municipal electric (goal of 2022)and a 2mw renewable system for the reset of Town (business district and about 800 homes; goal of 2030). There are three ways to move forward. We can work with a 3rd party contractor, establish a municipal power company, or get all residents to sign up for renewable energy from Xcel. It would be difficult with current Town funding to establish a municipal power company, but we will continue to search out funding options for this. The last option would be extremely difficult as well, to get all residents to sign up for plans, and in the end we would be paying for renewable electricity but are still tied into the standard grid receiving both fossil-fuel derived and renewable energy. The Town of Nederland will need to build a reservoir in the future (mandated by Boulder); is this a potential for small scale hydro? Working with contractors and investors we can buy into a 2mw system, solar gardens in other counties, and attempt to buffer that with a solar garden in Nederland (aiming for business rooftops as well as homes). We may need to combine these strategies to get the full power supply Nederland needs to get off-grid from Xcel. Working with Xcel will be the most difficult part of the puzzle.

D. ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. The SAB recommends to appoint Eryka Thorley to the SAB term expiring June 2018.**

Motioned by Melody Baumhover. Seconded by Jake Aho. All in Favor.

2. **The SAB recommends to appoint Jennifer Morse as a SAB Alternate Member (non-voting privileges).**

Motioned by Melody Baumhover. Seconded by Camille Thorson. All in Favor.

3. **The SAB fully supports the efforts of Climate Together Nederland, and we recommend the adoption of the proposal to transition Nederland to 100% renewable energy.**

Motioned by Melody Baumhover. Seconded by Amy Ransom. All in Favor.

E. ADJOURNMENT: 9:17PM

WHEREAS, a 100% renewable electricity commitment by the Town of Nederland addresses global solutions to climate change through: (1) increasing incentives for our electric utility to transition away from fossil fuels, and (2) communicating to state and national government, alongside other towns and cities in Colorado and the United States which have made similar commitments, that renewable energy generation is a priority for our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF NEDERLAND, COLORADO, THAT, the Town of Nederland will transition to 100% renewable energy for its community electricity supply by 2030, and as interim milestones: (1) the Town will transition to 100% renewable electric use for its municipally owned buildings and services by 2022 and (2) the Town of Nederland will achieve ~~100%~~ ^{100%} renewable energy for its electrical supply by 2025, and (3) 80% by 2027

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that priority will be given to the lowest cost measures to meet renewable energy needs including strategies to increase energy efficiency, and programs that create an energy saving culture in the Town of Nederland, and that the public will have an opportunity and be encouraged to participate in the process for planning and implementation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town will create structured mechanisms to include low-income citizens in the benefits to be derived from affordable clean energy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town seeks to collaborate with areas surrounding the Town of Nederland which are part of our community, and also with other communities within Xcel's service territory to share best practices on planning and implementation and seek partnerships on implementation pathways where beneficial for both parties; and

BE IT ~~FINALLY~~ ^{preliminary} RESOLVED, by January of 2018 the Sustainability Advisory Board will develop a plan for the Town of Nederland to ~~achieve~~ ^{transition} 100% community-wide renewable electricity by 2030, that includes the interim milestones, budget estimates, equity metrics, estimated financial impacts, financing mechanisms, and the percentage of clean energy that shall be locally or regionally generated, and that the Sustainability Advisory Board may actively pursue public and private partnerships to obtain the Town's goal of 100% renewable electricity supply by 2030.