



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

**Nederland Community Center  
Community Center Conference Room**

**Thursday March 23 2017 , 7:15 P.M.**

**Meeting Agenda**

**A. CALL TO ORDER:** 7:18

**B. ROLL CALL:** Members Present: Melody Baumhover, Diana Maggiore, Camille Thorson

Members Absent: Jody Andrews, Kevin Mueller

Community Members Present: Prospective Applicants Jake Aho and Amy Ransom, Eryka Thorley Climate Together Nederland, Jen Morse, Ron Mitchell.

**C. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. **Zero-Waste events – Item tabled.**

- Follow-up of FDGD. How was recycling taken care of? How can we further assist FDGD? Which events are next to reach out to regarding zero waste?

- What have we learned to apply to the future ordinance?

## 2. **Construction and Demolition Recycling Pilot Program**

- Chris P heads public works and received a zero waste grant to be the first municipality in the count to do this. The basic idea is an incentive by deposit for recycling construction and demolition materials; return of some of the deposit upon receipt of recycling.
- How can we assist this program? Melody will be in contact with Chris.

## 3. **NSAB film screening**

- a. A Permaculture Perspective film showing with the Nederland Public Library. Diana will manage Facebook publicity for this event. There is a possibility to continue these events with other movies, Jay Mann is helpful. Is it a possibility to use these screenings as fundraisers?
- b. Carolyn Peterson- Inconvenient Truth Sequel- End of July at the Backdoor Theater
- c. Eryka Thorley volunteers to help run film showings as a community member, she is considering applying for SAB. These events will be held at least quarterly on relevant sustainability topics.
- d. Jake Aho has access to films from CU Energy Club, NOVA movies are free to show.
- e. Town Hall can print any flyers for SAB events.
- f. At least one person from SAB should be at each event, and record event happenings in the Drive folder, Melody will set up a master document.

## **D. PRESENTATION ITEMS:**

### 1. **Affordable Housing**

- a. Follow-up on public input meetings – BCHA postponed the application of their current project due to high volumes of resident input.
- b. Neighbors were upset about being notified too late, the large scale of the project, not enough parking consideration, and the location of the property on a floodplain.
- c. Hundreds of people waiting for housing in Boulder County, small parcel that included a design for a community garden, but lots of other problems with the plan

- d. Another community member, Kayla Evans, has proposed a housing development on 17 acres of space bordering 750 acres of Open Space. The project would include 38 (eight more units than BCHA proposed on .85 acres) units, a community center with a pool, and single-family home units in a future phase.
- e. Another issue with the BCHA proposal is giving the right-of-way from Nederland Boulder County – it sets a precedent.
- f. There is an extreme need for affordable housing, but both projects are competing for similar grant funds, which would prohibit the other project from eligibility.
- g. Ron Mitchell weighed in that he is in support of Kayla's project and not so supportive of giving BCHA such authority here in Nederland. He also said a tiny home project was proposed recently in Nederland and not approved.
- h. SAB will find out how we can legally help Kayla develop her project while not openly going against the BCHA proposal. Independently we can write letters as concerned citizens.

## **2. Climate Together Nederland - Eryka Thorley, Amy Ransom, Jen Morse**

- a. After attending Al Gore's Climate Reality Training, they jumped on the ongoing commitment and transitions of towns and entities to 100% renewable energy
- b. Many other ski towns are doing this, including Park City and Moab in Utah. Boulder has made the commitment as well.
- c. Meeting consisted of 8 people last week, but more are interested. Looking at doing a fundraiser for a “Renewable Downtown” phase, which would mean lots of coordination. The whole plan would happen over various stages, and would have to be discussed with Xcel. Possibility to partner with the DDA for first street solar development (DDA vote in Nov)
- d. Start the project by petitioning and moving the Town Board towards a resolution for renewable energy in Nederland in 25 years.

## **3. Farmers Market Update-**

- a. Vendor outreach is continued to be made, the Application has been updated for

2017, and the Rules/Regs

- b. Diana reached out to a company that supports women in crisis by giving them jobs making vinyl shopping bags

#### **E. ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Motion to extend meeting at 9:15pm by Melody Baumhover. Seconded by Camille Thorson. All in Favor.
2. Motion to approve that SAB sends a letter of support for a water fee waiver to the BOT for the community garden on First St. Motioned By: Melody Baumhover. Seconded By: Diana Maggiore. All in Favor.
3. Motion to approve that SAB sends a letter of support for a water fee waiver to the BOT for the Community Greenhouse. Motioned by: Camille Thorson. Seconded By: Diana Maggiore. All in Favor.

#### **F. OTHER BUSINESS:**

##### **1. Wild Earth Day Booth staffing**

- a. Melody will make Drive Document for sign up hours
- b. Jake Aho will bring the spinning wheel for Melody to make a game about where food comes from.
- c. Camille will finalize a Community information banner design and order through LJ.

##### **2. Prospective Applicant Introductions**

- a. **Jake Aho** [jakeaho@gmail.com](mailto:jakeaho@gmail.com)
  - Moved to Nederland in September, working on PhD in electrical engineering and works for Seamen's Wind Power. Hobbies include photography, backpacking, and gardening. Grew up on a tree farm in New Hampshire. Cares about sustainability, renewable energy, and community outreach.
- b. **Amy Ransom** [amylaroo@hotmail.com](mailto:amylaroo@hotmail.com)

- Works as a Montessori outdoor education teacher, married to current/resigning SAB member Jody Andrews. She is very interested in agriculture projects and how she can help out the town by shifting into a local government role.

**G. ADJOURNMENT:** 9:49 pm