



TOWN OF NEDERLAND SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

**Nederland Community Center
Community Center Conference Room
May 25 2017, 7:15 P.M.**

Meeting Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:19pm

B. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Chair Melody Baumhover, Kelly Grebe, Diana Maggiore, Amy Ransom, Camille Thorson. Community Present: Jennifer Morse, Eryka Thorley, David Hatchimonji (BoCo Sustainability Office). Members Absent: Jake Aho, Kevin Mueller.

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Ron Mitchell's Development Concept

- At the conference Kelly attended, underground parking structures were too expensive for other towns; concern over Mitchell's ability to follow through on this. What about hitting water? Etc.
- Concern over the possibility of long closings for current businesses during construction of new spaces. Some business owners (4 that we know of) are okay with this, others are not. Mitchell said maybe 2 years for the downtown phase, but SAB feels that is an underestimate.
- Are the historical buildings in place currently worth preserving or is there too much wrong with them? It would preserve the character of the Town to restore as opposed to tear down and build new. However, many of the buildings have lots of problems and are not big enough for the potential growth Nederland will assume in the next 10 years.
- Mitchell is asking for a variance in code to make his buildings 45' tall as opposed to 35'; SAB does not approve of the variance request as it is possible to get three floors with 35' height.

- Mitchell's project follows the sustainability concept of infill vs. sprawl
- Concern over the expansion of building space in Town and what that increase will do to Town infrastructure: sewer, roads, etc.
- Though Ron Mitchell's intent is to help housing/jobs, his reputation around Town prohibits the ability for the proposal to be looked upon in a positive light by the community.
- David H. thought Mitchell's concept did not provide enough information to answer key questions like the impact on Town, how it conforms to Town/DDA plans, and if the demand for that much space is there currently.
- The idea of a shaded courtyard between two three story buildings concerns SAB that it may not get enough light to be an attractive area to pedestrians.
- SAB will compile a scorecard, Diana will send link to SAB members and others that heard the presentation. Please have your scorecard completed by the June meeting.
- We aim to compile a letter for Ron that is in a collaborative and supportive tone so that SAB may help instrument a development proposal that is both sustainable and attractive to current residents.

D. PRESENTATION ITEMS:

1. Climate Together Nederland

- Phase 1: Town buildings run on 100% renewable energy by 1)producing their own power or 2)tapping into a solar farm
- Phase 2: Commercial District, including First St. and the Shopping Center.
- Looking into the possibility of partnering with Solar Farms in Boulder and other localities that have signed the 100% renewable energy commitment.
- We may need to establish a renewable energy subcommittee to oversee the processes of transition.
- Action Item for June 20 BOT meeting will be postponed to and informational item in July.
- CTN will discuss whether they want to be an established subcommittee under the SAB or their own entity.
- Xcel energy reports are out on June 1st. CTN can use this data to see how far we have to go and how much alternative energy we are already utilizing.

E. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Motion to extend meeting at 9:18 pm.** Motioned by Melody Baumhover. Seconded by Camille Thorson. All in Favor.

F. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Volunteers Needed for Farmers Market Community Information Booth

- Diana can volunteer July market
- Jennifer can volunteer for May 28, 12-3pm
- Eryka can volunteer August market
- Kelly can possibly volunteer later in the summer

2. Movie Series

- Last movie was long and drawn out, would like to see more exciting movies (this was recommended by Jay Mann at NCL).
- No strict time line on when we will show movies, show when inspired