Meeting Agenda

Nederland Community Center
Community Center Conference Room

November 29, 2018, 7:15 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:36pm

B. ROLL CALL:

C. Members Present: Eryka Thorley, Jennifer Morse, Kelly Grebe, Melody Baumhover, Alan Apt, (Camille Absent). Community Members Present: Stephanie Mernick, Lauren Berger, Matthew ALlegretto, David Hatchimonji, Chris Pelletier (Public Works), Becca Stock (partners in energy), Connor Merrigan (partners in energy), Craig Eichler (Xcel Energy).

1. Board Member Updates (After Presentation Item #1, PIE)
   1. Melody – working on a new document for SAP progress and what we plan to accomplish in the next two years (through 2020). Greenhouse build days are
happening! Be sure to email earthhopdesigns@gmail.com or talk with Melody if you know anyone interested in volunteering.

2. Eryka- wants to bring the Vail Sustainability COordinator in to a meeting to discuss their sustainability tax (only on new property sales, not a full sales tax). We agreed at a later date would be good to speak with her.


D. PRESENTATION ITEMS:

1. Partners in Energy
   1. Connor and Becca work for a consulting firm, Brendall Group, that Xcel has contracted with for the PIE program. Connor previously worked for the firm that wrote our SAP, C2, so he has some institutional knowledge of SAB’s energy goals. PIE program consists of 6 months of planning and 18 months of implementation, but for a community with a lot of goals and plans already, we could do a 4-month planning phase to leave 28 months for implementation - up to us to decide what will work best. We would be one of the first communities to go through this ‘streamlined’ process.
   2. Brendall Group could help us with: Develop Energy Action plan (with access to all of Xcels data resources), ensure current programs to increase efficiency are taken advantage of (rebates, etc.), and community marketing.
   3. Questions from the SAB Board:
      1. Eryka asked what other Energy Futures Collaboration (MOU) communities, or what other communities with 100% renewable goals, are currently in the PIE program? Answer by Craig - not many as it is a separate program. The ones that overlap are Lafayette, Louisville, Erie, Greeley.
      2. What about renters and landlords? This is a tricky issue, definitely a challenge to pursue homeowners that don’t reside in those homes. Also a part of the low-income piece as many renters are low-income. Boulder County has done the best at addressing the renter issue, but mostly has made progress through apartment complexes, not single-family homes that are rented. Greeley is also
interested in pursuing this topic with PIE and Brendall Group. Short answer: yes PIE can help with addressing renters/landlords.

3. Do all marketing/promotional materials have to have the Xcel logo? Many of our constituents are not fond of the company and that may prevent them from reading information. Answer: In most cases, no that is not necessary (we obviously have to recognize any Xcel trademarks and namesakes), but it is recommended. Keep in mind, PIE (and Brendall Group more specifically) has to demonstrate deliverables (benefits for the company at large) to Xcel to keep the program funded.

4. Has PIE worked on electrification/fuel-switching projects? Answer: No, these projects are expensive, involve permitting and upgrading, tricky to incentivize when Xcel also sells natural gas. Also, in Nederland, some houses would need full upgrades in order to get a permit for removing gas appliances, probably very costly and infeasible.

5. SAB plans to take a month to think about the advantages of pursuing this program. Our main objective would be to save money and energy. Becca will send us a draft MOU and some examples of success stories.

2. MENVS – Tracking Model and Next Steps
   1. The 100% Project will continue to need SAB’s human capital to achieve our goals!
   2. See presentation in minutes folder, deliverable in projects folder.
   3. Tracking model notes: Blue cells need input, “installed capacity” is the amount of solar installed (still need an estimate for non-SR solar customers to adjust this number up), comments are hidden on the first couple line items to explain how to use the spreadsheet.
   4. They have a final presentation at CU on Friday @ 12:00pm

3. Barker Meadow Park and SAB
   1. PROSAB has created a Design Advisory Committee
   2. SAB should make a plan for revegetation of Fisherman’s Lot
   3. SAB has proposed native pollinator, edibles, and medicinals gardens in the past, this seems like a great place to install them. We also want native vegetation
(trees, grasses, etc.) We also discussed sustainable art installations, trails, interpretive signage with a theme.

4. Start with ballpark of $50,000 for revegetation, have draft proposal ready in December for Chris P to bring to PROSAB and the DAC.

E. DISCUSSION ITEMS:
   1. Xcel Work Plan – use Google Doc to collaborate/edit and be ready to send it back to Xcel in December.
   2. 2018 Grant Funds – use by December?

F. OTHER BUSINESS:
   1. EFC Regulatory Summit on January 8!
   2. Think on other conferences/furthering education for SAB members to attend

G. ADJOURNMENT: 9:34 pm