



## Meeting Minutes

Nederland Community Center  
Community Center Conference Room

June 27, 2019, 7:15 P.M.

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

B. **ROLL CALL:**

1. **Board Members Present:** Alan Apt, Melody Baumhover, Jennifer Morse, Eryka Thorley.
2. **Community Members Present:** Chris Pelletier (Ned Public Works), Jessi Ansari (Ned PROSAB), Paul Mooney (Ned PROSAB), Atashnaa Warner (Ned PROSAB), Alvin Mites.
3. **Board Updates (30 minutes)**
  - 3.1. **Eryka - Board Policies and Meeting Arrangements; recording device, other resources, and volunteer training**
    - she has felt we and others have been bullied in the last two months and that we don't have enough training. She is seeking education for all town boards regarding legalities, social media, etc. well meaning volunteers are not prepared for current public reactions. Karen is seeking a training day. We hope to make this part of the appointment process to train all board volunteers. The lawyer sent us an article on dealing with gifts wrapped up comments and harassment - we will forward this to PROSAB. It was a helpful and relative article as we aren't the only town facing the situations and issues. Jennifer said that SAB likes the open conversation format with public comment. Do we have to move to structured public comment as stated in the meeting minutes? Alan says that conversation style has worked well as long as there

is no hostility. Eryka would like to see the town board's coming together to agree on how to address these issues and provide a response to the public, and have an open dialogue around the issue. Chris says if we do that we should make a small statement and not get fully involved in the process. Eryka said it takes work and energy to craft a response, do we really want to do this? Jen says that maybe we get a benefit from communicating more effectively with SAB updates on Facebook and in the newspaper as a lot of people do support our projects. Atashnaa says as a community member she doesn't think town boards should engage on "anti-social" media as it feeds the fire. They should use the town website. Alan said it would be good to have a list of things to put in the paper either monthly or quarterly. Atashnaa says it would behoove the boards to have a monthly column that would cover all town board updates. Alan said sometimes you have to go door to door to really get the word out, and every once in a while there's a hot button issue, and then after a while it dims down. The public doesn't necessarily know the whole story, then ask after the fact and get angry. Atashnaa mentioned that before a meeting and negative comments start flying, the public doesn't have time to look up the facts and they just react to soundbites. Eryka says social capital is needed to support each other and focus on the positives. We can reach out to one another and recognize that we won't tolerate lashing out and will stand up for others, for example we should respond to and call out inappropriate behavior. Jen mentioned we should move back to the big picture discussion about how to help the community communicate with the town and support that networking. Jessi said that it would be helpful to show when you are listening and that communication does go both ways. Alan says going back to making a bullet list and keeping updates going out smoothly.

**3.2. Jennifer - Will discuss BOT meeting update during agenda items; first amendment rights/SAB meeting procedures; Ice on Fire Documentary**

**3.3. Eryka -**

- will find a date in August for the Ice on Fire documentary.
- CC4CA is working on their policy agenda and it is ready to send to communities for approval. She was at the meeting to listen since Julie could not go. She got good input for the coordinator position description. EV install grants, solar grants, and state money could possibly be used to support this position. Susie at the county is very

supportive. CC4CA voted to become a 503C6. 28% of Colorado's population is now living in a 100% commitment community. The minimum fee to continue in this group is \$1000, we have asked for the exception paying only \$500. This has been a good legislation cycle with lots of sustainability success. The group doubled since last year, and it was a very positive exciting and inspirational meeting. Current discussions circle around equity, zero emissions, and divestment. It would be good for SAB to have a representative on this committee.

#### **3.4. Melody - Process for new SAB applicants; report of community food meeting**

- We will set up for the next meeting in the MPR. We want tables in a U-shape and have the projector ready for some meetings. SAB applicants will go to the BOT July 16. If SAB has recommendation send them to Alan.
- Melody was at a meeting with the community food groups, which included the Nederland farmers market, Nederland victory Gardens, and the food pantry. Also Remember Jeanine's class is scheduled for July 18.

#### **3.5. Public Comment, Non-Agenda Items**

- Atashnaa - in the joint meeting something struck me and I would like to address water conservation. Is there anyone who would disagree that water is a drink? No. Water is a heavily wasted resource and many don't think about it. Everybody complains about the expense of their water bill, to conserve water would also help bills. For example, everybody brings you water to start at a restaurant, and many times it is not used and poured down the drain. This is a service that is provided and a waste that the business incurs. Water is life, and the perception of it needs to change. The best place to start change is in the restaurants. She asked the SAB work with businesses to incentivize water conservation/appreciation strategies. Eryka says that this has been a successful campaign in San Francisco, but it is a different issue in Colorado. Melody mentioned that the July theme of the farmers market will be water conservation. Secondly, working with businesses has been a large challenge for SAB as they are understaffed and underpaid. We need to speak with them individually to see if this is even a feasible project. Atanshaa would maybe pursue championing this idea with SABs help. Paul said that the interest in SAB is the future, an eco-oriented future. He feels our role is to push the municipality to change the laws; make

suggestions to government for change - not change private business strategies and practices.

- Jessi - Wild bear has proposed that the 2019 great outdoors Colorado grant application partner with PROSAB. She would like SAB to give input on the parks proposal which would include and new park in the North side of Nederland. The grant timeline is October.

### C. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

#### 1. Community Greenhouse (20 minutes)

##### 1.1. Building Schedule, Corwin Mandel. Greenhouse has been permitted, fees paid by Town not out of grant.

- The town wants a consensus that the project is to be finished. Corwin said that he has set up a fundraiser and is redoing the video to make it look better. A small clip was already made, the larger video will be done in one week and then we can set up the fundraising campaign. Ideally there would be subcontractors but since we don't have that funding we can still complete it without that. Corwin estimates \$9000 for labor is needed in addition to the grant. He repeats that we can still move forward with less funding. There is one contractor dedicated to help for free, if we add other volunteer contractors, each one can drop \$2500 off costs. We need a contractor to install the bond beam as Corwin is not confident in doing this alone. Again Corwin says that if no money comes in through the extra fundraiser he will sacrifice paid time to complete the structure.
- Chris P is concerned about a solid commitment to finish it this year. The foundation is in place and there is a profile hole next to the foundation for the inspection.
- Jen asked what are all the options? The options are to give the money back and put it on hold so we can get funds over the next year. The other option would be to continue with the greenhouse, possibly not finish this summer, and not qualify for the 2020 County funds (which would be banked for 2021).
- Corwin says we will aim for September 1 to complete the greenhouse without the inside detail work. Corwin has the Boulder Permaculture network to pass the fundraiser around to. August 1 we hope to have the bond beam completed. Schedule

for completion is due to Chris P by July 3rd, will be made up by Corwin, and he will connect with Paul for project management assistance.

**2. Sustainability Coordinator (40 minutes)**

**2.1. Update on BOT meeting presentation - Chris P and Jen**

- SAB decided to move the sustainability coordinator position from the July BOT meeting to the August 6 BOT meeting. We need to present numbers and a justification for the position. We also need to put numbers on what the funds will be brought into town.

**2.2. Link to existing draft:**

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TzuKzZFu\\_WwEsIeurSDSgcOUfAhkJKsIFUff2bNXbrI](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TzuKzZFu_WwEsIeurSDSgcOUfAhkJKsIFUff2bNXbrI)

**2.3. Schedule SAB work session for this item?**

- Early July, Melody will schedule.

**2.4. Public comment period (3 mins each)**

**3. PIE Workshop June 12 3-5pm at Library (15 minutes)**

**3.1. Next Steps: comment on draft energy plan link:** [https://docs.google.com/file/d/1sWYVDT0ugvn-FuVAbfdvXMJAT74JdZj3/edit?usp=doclist\\_api&filetype=microsoftword](https://docs.google.com/file/d/1sWYVDT0ugvn-FuVAbfdvXMJAT74JdZj3/edit?usp=doclist_api&filetype=microsoftword)

- Melody needs edits done in two weeks.

**3.2. need Lead Champions and Co-Leads for each strategy**

- SAB will determine these upon appointment of new members.

**3.3. Public comment period (3 mins each).**

**4. Wetlands Restoration (15 minutes)**

- Connect with Wild Bear regarding interpretive signage, trail creation, for the 2019 GoCo grant application.
- Electric pole has been removed. We need a title commitment for the land. A cultural survey is in progress. The draft covenant will go to the BOT. Construction could start in August if all goes as planned.

**D. ADJOURNMENT: 9:57pm**

*Approved and adopted at the July 25, 2019 Regular SAB meeting.*

*Signed, Chair, Melody Baumhover*

