



NOTES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY (ACES)
February 13, 2024
5:30 PM
SUPERIOR COMMUNITY CENTER
1500 COALTON ROAD

1. Call Meeting to Order (5:38pm)
2. Preliminary Matters
 - Roll Call
Present: Jim Zarske, John Schallau, Michelle Gazarik, Miles Hoffman, James Lester, Lisa Barnes, Nikki Hewett, Sarah Nick (joined at 6:30p)
Absent:
Staff present: Alexis Bullen
Town Council Liaison present: Jenn Kaaoush
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Miles motion
 - Lisa second
 - All in favor – approved unanimously
 - Public Comment (limit 5 minutes/person) – none
3. Updates
 - Town Council Liaison
 - Board is reviewing the Town’s comprehensive plan with a focus on housing
 - Board passed a proclamation against Rocky Flats connection/bypass
 1. County holding open community listening sessions
 2. Surrounding communities could be exposed to materials from nuclear waste areas
 3. Trustee Kaaoush is meeting with members of the former stewardship council
 4. Recommend watching “Half Life” movie about Rocky Flats
 - City of Boulder introducing a way for residents to upgrade to heat pumps and other measures through on-bill financing
 1. Xcel program piloting in Boulder
 2. Legislation proposed to expand it introduced 2/15/25
 - Town Staff
 - Need to schedule Town dinner (before Council meetings)
 1. ACES chose to select April 28th as the preferred date, Alexis to follow up with everyone via email once confirmed
 - Comp plan engagement, Transportation plan
 1. Went to Council on Monday, will come back to ACES late spring



- Town Facilities

1. O&M facility for Parks and Public Works
 - a. Good sustainability questions from Trustees
 - b. Looking at LEED qualification would fit
 - i. Possibly build to LEED without the costly certification
 - c. Looking at electrification of Town buildings as well as materials
 - i. Look at all options/quotes
2. Also applies to pool renovations (starting with North pool)
 - a. Looking for consultant for design/build for after this pool season
 - b. Building, storage, pool itself will be renovated
 - i. Possible kid element introduced at North Pool
 - c. Not exploring covering the pool
 - d. Community outreach going out
3. Rebates live for Superior electrification through EnergySmart are live
 - a. Next week announcement, website, coms push, etc.

4. Discussion Items (5:57pm)

- Waste Service Update & March 15 event (20 minutes) –
 - March 31 new service starts
 - Touch a Truck on March 15th from 11am-1pm – kid friendly (free crepes and hot drinks)
 - ACES can do something (booth, etc.)
 1. Compost bins give away?
 2. 1093 households on the new contract
 - Lisa's neighbor had a good interaction with Nicole at Republic – good conversation, answered lots of questions
 - Some Town Council met with some Rock Creek HOA, discussions included trash contract
 - Discussion of compost bins
 1. Charcoal filter a plus
 2. Can use Compost grant funds from the county
 3. Stainless still bin was chosen by the group as the give away for event
 - Most of ACES could attend as needed
 - Would be a good time to have a cheat sheet keeping a compost bin in the kitchen and dealing with external bins
 1. Michelle can circulate a draft – Action Item
 2. Miles to ask Kim/Kathy re: Green Star Schools – Action Item
- Compost Discussion (20 minutes)
 - Received a Boulder County Sustainability Grant
 1. Videographer to do a series on composting (also three bin system) – total of four videos



2. Working on scope for behavior change campaign (BIT consultant included in who to send proposals out to)
 - a. Include questionnaire results, looks at the data, build messaging, design a campaign roll out.
 - b. Renewable soils workshop done next to electrification expo (including some starters and giveaways) – partner with Eco-Cycle
 - c. Access for anyone – can grow on a counter, etc.
 3. Q from the community – organics goes to A1 in Keenesburg (eastern plains)
 - a. Can send to [A1 YouTube channel](#)
 4. From Michelle – People are going to start asking questions
 - a. Who's composting from the commercial sector?
 - b. Where can I buy the compost that comes from A1
 - i. If everyone spread 1 bag on their soil, we could draw down a lot of carbon from the atmosphere
 5. Free compost given in the spring (2 loads in 2025)
 6. [WRAP](#) – waste resources action – lots of resources for businesses, municipalities – wrap.org
 7. Filming videos on 21st of February – need a kitchen
 - a. Sarah, Nikki willing to act
 - b. Consider Mike Foster, Jenn Kaaoush as backups
- ACES 2025 Event Participation (25 minutes)
 - Spreadsheet review – assign an ACES lead to events
 1. See spreadsheet for leads
 2. New event ideas – sustainable food trucks – email Mikaela
 3. Side note – promote ACES member link for new member applications
 4. Potential add of farmers markets
 5. ACES to review messaging before next meeting in relation to events – Action Items
 6. ACES and Town should table at Farmer's Market this season
 - Water Conservation (10 minutes)
 - Meet with OSAC and build a pathways to water conservation, then bring to the Board.
 1. Jim to meet with reps from OSAC and Parks
 2. Consider expanding to Planning Commission as well
 - Bring ideas to ACES for discussion (and other committees)
 - Beneficial to talk before budgeting (address upcoming median work, etc.)
 - Alexis brought together Town stakeholders to look at priority spots to remove turn/reduce irrigation
 1. Starting to create a map of these spaces
 2. Look to match grants to opportunities



3. Applying for technical assistance grants to create roadmap to holistically approach irrigation, funding, etc.
- ACES Working Groups (15 minutes)
 - Discussion on changing the approach of working groups
 1. Approach of holding the meeting before ACES starts
 2. One hour for action items ahead of time – make it a working group
 3. Not necessarily needed each month for everyone – attend as needed
 4. Q – actions can go forward based on ACES direction but can't make decisions.
 - a. Can relate to workplan, more tangible
 - b. Larger discussions need to happen in ACES
 - Start with 5-5:30 working session, 5:30-7:30 ACES
- Vice chair elections (5 minutes)
 - Miles nominated Nikki and motioned, Lisa second all approved
 - Nikki will be the Vice Chair
- [SuperiHER](#) event – women's chamber event
 - ACES has a free booth
 - Leslie (chamber) asked us to purchase tickets at discount
 1. Nikki and Sarah could attend
 2. Lisa – motions to purchase 2 tickets, Nikki second, all approved
 3. Alexis will purchase for Nikki/Sarah
- Action Items (5 minutes)
 - Michelle can circulate a draft of Composting tips – Action Item
 - Miles to ask Kim/Kathy re: Green Star Schools to attend March 15th event – Action Item
 - ACES to review Michelle's spreadsheet on messaging
 - Alexis to send chairs of OSAC and Parks to Jim for coordination
 - Alexis to update Mikaela for meeting link (zoom) – w/capability to share screen. Try to reserve the room
 - Alexis to follow up on composting videos
 - March 14th – SuperiHER – Nikki to work with Alexis on handouts/information/spreadsheet Michelle

5. Adjourn (7:31pm)

- Miles motions, John seconds – meeting is adjourned