



AGENDA
ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY (ACES)
May 8, 2024
5:30 PM
SUPERIOR COMMUNITY CENTER
1500 COALTON ROAD

1. Call Meeting to Order 5:32pm
2. Preliminary Matters
 - Roll Call
Present: Jim Zarske, Michelle Gazarik, Miles Hoffman, James Lester, Lisa Barnes, Sarah Nick, John Schallau
Absent: Nikki Hewett, John Heckman
Staff present: Alexis Bullen
Town Council Liaison present: Jenn Kaaoush
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Michelle motions to approve
 - Miles second
 - Motion passes
 - Public Comment (limit 5 minutes/person)
 - None
3. Updates
 - Town Council Liaison
 - Jenn couldn't make the dinner, so asked for how Town Council dinner went (later discussion item, so tabled)
 - Town Council has received emails from Rock Creek HOA residents asking not to go on Town waste contract in 2028 solely based on the HOA led survey. Town is reading and responding to emails as possible and providing fact-based responses.
 - Town Staff
 - Partnered with Chamber to create and award the Green Business Award, given to Tequila Y Mezcal.
 1. The restaurant has invested in upgrading space and machinery
 2. ACES can use extra 4 tix - let Austin know if you want to attend
 3. Wednesday, June 4th in the evening is the celebration
 - Comp plan update - engagement ongoing with residents.
 1. Will get another update next month from the Town
 - Speaker series on housing, transportation, open house for residents
 - [Nature Based Solution Toolkit](#) (Link)
 - Republic is open to ACES touring their compost site. Alexis to send out a doodle poll (site is in Bennett)



- Austin will be the staff liaison next month (Alexis out for a conference) - Compost behavior change consultants will join and Planning will present on Comp Plan

4. Discussion Items

- ACES-Council Dinner Debrief
 - Jim led conversation and recap.
 - Most of ACES were present at the dinner.
 1. Thanked Council for all accomplishments so far
 2. Asked about public-developed sustainability ideas/initiatives
 - a. People like the goats for grass
 - b. Mentioned composting training coming up – get more residents involved.
 - c. Survey should be live on new waste processes.
 - d. Discussed herbicides and pesticides - informed by OSAC/Parks
 3. Budget review - main topics, good/better/best for median turf solutions. Also think about turf removal include the strips between sidewalk and road.
 4. Alexis discussed Northern Water partnerships
 5. Pool and O&M building sustainability opportunities
 6. Decarbonizing town facilities - can set a cap and get scope from contractors (how to develop actionable steps to decarbonization)
 7. Future presentations for ACES to the Town Board (Electrification, Carbon credits, race to net zero, etc.)
 8. Town brought up some residential turf removal, community gardens - could we offset taxes by using their property - could be difficult.
 9. Pool assessments - encouraged the board to ask hard questions to the contractors - can we electrify pool heating, solar hot water heating, etc.
 - Discussion on process for contracting for the pool work. When can public examine the work proposed. Parks and rec in charge of the project. They toured other pools, looked for sustainability aspects, etc. Sustainability is invited as part of the process.
 1. Could put in OPR to drive more sustainability aspects of RFP responses. Discussion on whether ACES could participate in standards development
- Neighborhood Eco-Leaders
 - Compost caddy giveaway/ambassadors (thanks to John, Lisa, Mike Foster)
 1. John and Lisa - connect with the neighborhood to give away caddies
 - a. Reps in all areas except Calmante
 - b. DTS is struggling to engage, others are giving away the caddies.
 - c. Gateway to answering questions from residents on composting



- d. Bring in the Eco leader network - through EcoCycle - learn about zero waste strategies and diversion strategies. Goal of becoming the neighborhood liaison. Nikki may be interested as well
 - e. Discussion on CSA impacts and opportunities
 - f. Discussion on hosting tables at summer concerts
 - g. Action item: Invite Molly (EcoCycle) to host a Superior Eco Leaders training for ACES and others in Superior
- Events
 - Electrification Expo
 1. Event will be similar to last time
 2. Tables inside, EV ride and drive, showcase, etc.
 3. Causal/mingle/etc.
 4. Compost workshop 1-2, 2-3 - growing your own (still spots left)
 5. Lisa and Michelle to use induction to make chocolate covered strawberries
 - National Trails Day
 1. Michelle will be tabling for EcoCycle - do we want a table? ACES decided no, and Michelle can rep us as well.
 - Giveaways
 1. Swag - 50 bags, 40 utensil kits, compost caddies, does ACES want more?
 2. Discussion on gift cards vs. physical items
 3. Move this discussion to next meeting. Action: review events spreadsheet at the pre-meeting, define the process and needs. Alexis to confirm budget.
 4. ACES seemed to like the idea of gift card raffles instead of swag.
- Finalize 2025 budget asks
 - Ready to vet items.
 - Currently no budget so ACES should support the effort (xeriscaping/pool renovations - good/better/best to the xeriscape bullet)
 - Agree for pool. Consider - solar hot water system, solar with boiler back up.
 1. Also ensure pool covers, heat pump/electrified pool buildings.
 - For the matching grant funds, they would support various grant applications - money would go to general fund if not used.
 - Could do a decent decarb study for \$50k – roadmap RFP approach.
 - All other items are not an effective use of town's budget.
 1. Miles: Motion to support the proposed on-going sustainability operating budget, as well as modified staff recommendations of xeric planting in Rock Creek medians, “above and beyond” sustainability additions to the pool renovations and \$50k in sustainability grant match funding and an ACES proposed recommendation of an additional \$50k for a building



decarbonization roadmap for Town facilities. Jim seconds. Motion passes

5. Adjourn (7:19).

Michelle motions. Jim seconds. Motion passes.