

EAB Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2016

Board Members Present

- Debbie Shore
- Carol Gaudin
- Kelly Vaughn by phone
- Nicole Twohig
- Sally Sparhawk
- Mona Newton

Board Members Absent

None

Staff Members Present

- Travis Elliott
- Anne Martens
- Nick Kertz, alternate liaison and Town Facilities Maintenance Supervisor

Item 1: Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 3:35 p.m.

Item 2: Approval of Minutes

The January meeting minutes were approved with a motion to approve by Carol Gaudin and seconded by Debbie Shore. No changes were mentioned.

Item 3: Bag Policy Matrix

Staff Member Travis Elliott explained the purpose behind the bag policy matrix which was to determine the Committees' top priorities of this item. The top three priorities that resulted from the matrix were: Bag Banks, Educational Campaign, and Reusable Bag Sponsors. Topics of discussion regarding the matrix items included:

Bag Banks-who maintains and manages these banks-adjacent storefronts? Would bag banks be effective for retail stores-limited size of bags for larger items such as bulky ski suits?

Educational Campaign-Determine target audience for advertising and education. Could the Town's Marketing Department assist with encouraging lodges and other businesses to use less or phase out plastic bags?

After some discussion about the matrix items, the Committee agreed that the matrix was a useful tool for creating a step-by-step planning process to phase out or reduce the use of plastic bags either by mandate or by education and encouragement. Staff will create a plan and submit a draft to the Committee for their review.

Item 4: Green Event Guidelines

Staff presented the Committee with a packet of special event guidelines that will be included with the special event application. Staff explained that the packet of guidelines will be a resource for event

organizers but guidelines will not be mandatory. After some discussion about the guidelines the Committee brought up the following items:

Guidelines could be used for other businesses and lodges to encourage recycling for everyday protocol or smaller events such as weddings, parties, etc. being held on their premises. The Board agreed that approaching the Marketing Department to assist with advertising/promoting these guidelines to businesses and lodges would be beneficial. In addition to approaching businesses and lodges, recognize events that take the extra step in recycling such as Wanderlust with their composting efforts.

Item 5: CORE Update

- Emissions Inventory Data results will be available soon and will be presented at a future EAB meeting.
- Analysis of the REMP funds in process.
- City of Aspen is in 3rd place for the Georgetown Energy Prize.
- CORE is working with Energy Outreach of Colorado to assist lower income households with energy updates.

Item 6: Non Agenda Items

- Committee Member Debbie Shore mentioned that the Snowmass Water and Sanitation “Water Efficiency Plan” was executed and said that Kit Hamby, District Manager, can attend the next EAB meeting.
- Committee Member Kelly Vaughn explained the Rocky Mountain Institute is in the middle of a letter writing campaign to lawmakers to mandate energy upgrades through mortgage underwriting. Kelly will email Committee Members more information on how to get more involved.
- Staff updated the Committee on the Community Connectivity Plan (CCP).

Next meeting is March 1, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Sally Sparhawk seconded by Kelly Vaughn at 5:05 p.m.