

**Environmental Advisory Board**  
**October 30, 2024**  
**Meeting Agenda**

Call to Order **6:30 p.m.**

Roll Call:

- Present: Maria Rotunda, Linda Alison, Nate Christianson, Jennifer Fugita, Jenni Braun-Paliszewski, Paul Farquhar, Claire Carmelia (City Council), Bridger Tomlin (Staff Liaison)
- Missing: Holli Arnett and Michael Fitch
- Public: John Palmer, Alex Hippenhammer, and Tara Sullivan

Agenda Approval

- Approved unanimously

Approval of Minutes from the September 25, 2024 meeting

- Approved unanimously

Public Comment **6:40 p.m.**

- Members of the public introduced themselves

Old Business

- Debrief Westy Fest:
  - 200 interactions at least recorded; 30 people filled out giveaway form for electric leaf blowers and 20 were residents.
  - Feedback gathered from the community
    - Request to the Sustainability Recycling Center for later hours; not accessible for non-work hours. Saturday is not enough for may
      - Bridger to follow-up with them as well
      - Could signage explaining the hours be provided if useful
    - Request to extend leaf collection times both earlier and later from current time; can we also have the pumpkin drop off later?
      - Arvada is open from the 3<sup>rd</sup> til the 17<sup>th</sup>.
      - Could residents volunteer for the organics recycling?  
Would we hav to consider liability?
  - Get a counter (handheld clicker tool) to
  - Candy is useful to getting people to come to the table
- Honor the Lands and Streams Volunteer Event:
  - EAB will skip this volunteer event for 2024 due to scheduling conflicts

New Business

- City Council Update (Claire)
  - Rocky Flats Stewardship Council: What City Council's response to this? No formal IGA with the other cities? If you had an ask of Council to bring to the public, what would it be?
    - Context: Now that the Rocky Flats Stewardship Council is dissolved EAB should consider working with council and Claire to develop some sort of legacy program or documentation for future

- residents and to keep the history accessible. Maybe a letter from the EAB to council to start the legacy process or at least a letter to place on the council agenda of concerns on the withdrawal from the Stewardship Council and its dissolution. The Rocky Mountain Greenway trail will also be affected by this decision.
- EAB Ask: Help Claire identify a response to the situation for our Council and the RFSC?
  - Example: Pay for an air quality monitoring system out there?
    - Nate: Send out thoughts to Claire on his ideas/concepts.
    - Jennifer Fugita
  - Timeframe for recommendation: By January of this year so Claire can use this next year; really needed by March as critical need.
- Air Quality Monitoring: Reached out to Doug Rex, Chairperson of the RAQC. Asked EAB what the RAQC
    - Westminster does not have a member on the RAQC Board.
  - Claire is getting involved in DRCOG and is trying to be chair of the technical board. Claire is doing a walk through with the DRCOG chair. How can we influence how that money goes/distributed?
    - Jennifer asked if RAQC/DRCOG could present to EAB; Claire said she could ask Staff to bring them to a City Council meeting, and then have the EAB come.
  - Westminster water resources team: article in the news: students were testing water out at Standley Lake;
    - Who are the water resources team?
    - What do they test for?
    - Is this available to the public?
  - Courthouse:
    - What sustainability plans we are operating into the courthouse?
      - Staff had a great answer and wants this to be on
    - The EAB should be asking on what is happening in term of sustainability on all our major projects: Courthouse, water treatment facility, etc.
    - Could a reclaimed water system be utilized on-site?
  - Strategic planning ask: Ensure that our Sustainability/Climate Action plan is embedded into our Comprehensive Plan and/or Strategic Plan
    - “Whole of government” approach
    - Akin to Boulder strategy
    - How can we easily transform what the City government/structure is doing to incorporate sustainability from a top-down approach that is embedded into the entire City organization?
  - Tour of Northglenn’s City Hall: Net zero building inspiration for our community
  - Add more air quality monitors? Claire suggests three more monitors throughout Westminster
- Discuss scheduling November and December meetings:
    - Move November meeting to November 20<sup>th</sup> because of Thanksgiving.
    - Focus group meeting on December is TBD
  - Discuss Front Range Regional Boards and Commissions Meeting (November 13<sup>th</sup>)
    - Maria, Nate (maybe), and Paul (maybe), and Claire are planning to attend if possible
    - Bridger to notice the EAB’s presence at this meeting.

- Discuss EAB priority areas and strategic planning:
  - What is staff working on and want to learn more—>strategic planning on presentations; tours would be of interest
    - Bridger to provide Sustainability Office work plan and identify how the EAB can fit into this workplan—January meeting?
      - Bring Jamie as well
    - Learn about the design of the Courthouse and LEED certification: Bring in Dana Kester and the consultant?
    - Water-treatment plant design updates: continue to get updates from CAT and/or how get a new EAB member on the CAT?
  - How align our work with how to align with City Strategic Priorities

**Tabled Discussions/Agenda Items until 2025:**

- Discuss presentations received and desired topics for future
- Review City Strategic Priorities and Principles and sustainability priorities
- Discuss City Council advising and relationships
- General priorities for 2025

Adjournment

**8:00 p.m.**

Next Meeting: November 27 2024, 6:30 p.m.

**The mission of the Environmental Advisory Board is to:** advise City Council and Staff on environmental matters and sustainability. The EAB engages with our community and advocates for collaborative, bold, and scaleable solutions for a clean, vibrant, and resilient Westminster for current and future generations.