

**Environmental Advisory Board**  
**September 25, 2024**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order

6:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

- Paul Farquhar
- Nate Christianson
- Michael Fitch
- Maria Rotunda
- Linda Allison
- Jennifer Fugita
- Jenni Braun Paliszewski
- Bridger Tomlin (Staff Liaison)
- Claire Carmelia (City Council Liaison)

Agenda Approved: Unanimous

Minutes from the August 28, 2024 meeting Approved

Public Comment: None

6:40 p.m.

Old Business

- YAP meeting review:
  - Maria, Nate, and Bridger attended. Thought the presentation went well, considering lack of rehearsal. YAP keeps a tight schedule so went quick.
  - Thought about approaching YAP with coordinating and attending the cleanup with EAP during the upcoming Honor the Land and Streams (HLS) event. Bridger reads recent email about Nov 9<sup>th</sup> on YAP joining us for the HLS.
  - Maria goes over the presentation EAB presented, transferring the presentation to the big screen. Topics included:
    - What is sustainability – core competencies of sustainability
    - Earth temperature anomalies
  - She used a movie as an example – Breaking Boundaries – about the Montreal Protocols.
  - Future topics to discuss with YAP – what concerns does the group have as teenagers
  - Nate’s comments – YAP is focused on climate models and impacts, electric vehicles, noise pollution, native grasses. Tie the topics to inner city issues.
- Letter to City Council on extreme heat: 6:45 PM
  - All agree it was a great idea to have Claire prep the council ahead of time prior to delivery of letter. – plants a seed ahead of time with council members.
  - The letter laid the groundwork for later being able to ask the council what sustainability issues or items the EAB can assist with

- Discuss developing a follow-up letter with potential follow-up actions— incoordination with when the Urban Forest Management Plan is brought to Council.
- Also work with Claire to support her on any sustainability initiatives or actions she is presenting to the council.
- Regional board initiative: 7:15 PM
  - Discussion of the EAB hosting a reception in November/December.
  - Members suggested that Boulder is not promoting the event effectively and soon enough to include municipalities in planning on their calendars.
  - Maria talked to Ralph (?) of the Longmont EAB, trying to encourage notices to be sent out early and in sufficient time – some municipalities have staff that can help with volunteers.
  - One important goal is to decide on the purpose of the group.
  - Claire mentions the idea of trying to tie into the mission the various city/municipal polices they are working on. Maybe set up a regional collaboration if all the municipalities can focus on one topic of concern to all – develop or set it up as a mandate. Examples include:
    - Air monitoring, which is one of Claire’s emphasis.
    - Composting/recycling
  - Claire inquires if Denver has been invited to the sessions and is their group already involved?
  - Talk about regional board schedule – meet three times a year.
  - Boulder’s focus is on water issues
  - Discussed roadblocks to a successful regional board – bottlenecks such at the establishment of a steering committee.

#### New Business

- Update on Water Treatment Plant CAT (Paul): 7:30
  - Paul leaving the EAB and the CAT and will need a replacement
  - Discussion about PFAs contamination becoming an issue
  - The City is working on final planning of the water treatment plant to include additional treatments such as ionization (for added cost) before the 90 % design is approved.
- Westy Fest preparation:
  - Go over schedule of attendees to people the booth and setup and teardown.
  - Materials to hand out at the booth includes pamphlets that are already available, hard copy postcards or QR boards – composting / recycling
  - Giveaways of electric leaf blowers
- Review City Council meeting agenda

#### Staff Reports or Other Announcements

Adjournment

8:00 p.m.